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VICK'S MAGAZINE COMPANY, PUBLISHERS, DANSVILLE, NEW YORK

DISEASE CAN BE CURED

WITHOUT THE USE OF MEDICINE

WE PROVE IT TO YOU



This cut shows how the Magnetic waves from the vest, which is one of the most powerful shields we manufacture, envelope the entire trunk of the body and saturate the patient with powerful Magnetic vibrations. The vest contains over 800 powerful Magnetic storage batteries constantly radiating over 800 streams of Magnetic energy into the vital organs and nerve centers, keeping the patient continually bathed in a stream of this revitalizing force. We make shields for every part of the body, all described in our new book, "A Plain Road To Health." Free to all who send descriptions of their cases.

**We prove every statement we make.
We do not ask you to take our word as final evidence.**

When we say disease can be cured without the use of medicine, we mean every word we say. Every word of it is true. We prove it by living witnesses. Not only in one case, nor a hundred cases, but in thousands of cases, where the patients state in joyful satisfaction that they have been cured after their cases had been considered incurable.

We are constantly on the lookout for other diseases to prove it on. We prove it to anybody—in fact we want to prove it to everybody. We do not care what the disease is, nor how severe it is, nor how many other diseases are complicated with it. We can show you parallel cases that have been cured by the famous Thacher Magnetic Shields, and these cases are sound and well today as living monuments to the grand revitalizing power of Magnetism.

These Magnetic Shields keep the body bathed in a constant stream of Magnetism, which floods the system with its life and energy.

Patients are often told that they have incurable diseases. We want to tell you right here that nearly all of these cases can be cured, and we can prove it to you. More than 75 per cent of all the patients that we have cured were first given up as beyond all hope of cure, and they have been made sound and well by applying Magnetism according to scientific instruction.

All we ask of you is to send us a full statement of your case so that we may give it careful study, and we will advise you fully by letter just what can be done for you, and how it can be done.

We will agree to tell you all about it and prove to you, by evidence that cannot be denied, that all we say is true.

We will point you to cases of paralysis, consumption, diabetes, Bright's disease, locomotor ataxia, dyspepsia, rheumatism, tumors, nervous prostration, obesity and a hundred and one other diseases that are called incurable. We can show you the most incontestable proof that we have cured them.

We have cured these cases after they had been given up to die.

When you write, don't be afraid that we are going to try to sell you something. We know that if we can prove to your satisfaction all we say, you will want the Thacher Magnetic Shields without any urging from us, because we prove that they will do just what we say they will do. There is nothing else on earth to take their place, and do as much as they can do. Read the evidence in these letters from grateful patrons who have been cured.

READ THIS POSITIVE INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE

"GOD BLESS DR. THACHER!"—CURED OF PARALYSIS OF LOWER HALF OF BODY OF SIXTEEN YEARS' STANDING.

THACHER MAGNETIC SHIELD CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Dear Sir—It would take a large amount of space to give a history of my case from start to finish, but for the sake of suffering humanity I will give a few words to help along, if possible, the great work you are doing for the afflicted. In 1883 I was taken with malarial fever of typhoid form, causing complete muscular paralysis. By the aid of the best medical skill in the East, I became, after several years able to sit up and use my arms, but my lower limbs remained paralyzed until after I put on the Magnetic Shields in 1899, sixteen years afterward. My case is a noted one in York State, and all the medical fraternity decided I would never be able to walk again. Dr. C. I. Thacher said I could and would walk again, and he was right and all the rest were wrong. It is needless to say that I had spent money freely all these years without receiving results, until I found the Magnetic Shields. We who have been restored by its wonderful power begin to realize the great work being accomplished by Dr. Thacher, and we would be unjust to our Creator and to our fellow beings, as well as being very ungrateful, if we did not use all our efforts and powers in spreading the grand truth, bringing greater joy and hope to the chronic invalid, deliverance from disaster, transition from the old life to the new. I am one of the thousands who with all my heart can say fervently, "God bless Dr. Thacher, and his great work." All personal letters, enclosing stamp for reply, will be promptly answered for those wishing minute data of my case. Yours truly,
CLARENCE D. SMITH, R. F. D. No. 6, Rome, N. Y.

CATARRH OF STOMACH AND BOWELS AND BORDERING ON PARALYSIS COMPLETELY CURED AFTER ALL HOPE OF CURE HAD BEEN GIVEN UP.

For the benefit of the sick and suffering I wish to make the following statement:
I had been afflicted with catarrh of the stomach and bowels and general debility, bordering on

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paralysis, for the past fifteen years. For two years I lived altogether on fresh fish and dry bread and milk. After a while I had to quit fish, and for three months I lived on toasted bread and milk, and kept getting worse until I had to quit work, having no strength left. Myself and friends thought that my time in this world was short, having all this time been in the hands of at least twelve doctors, some noted specialists, and the doctors all diagnosed my case as catarrh of the bowels and stomach. After I had given up all hope of getting well again, a friend of mine who had taken Dr. Thacher's treatment, advised me to consult the doctor. I wrote him and he advised me to come to him and he would greatly benefit me. I made up my mind to make one more effort and give him a trial, and the result was I went to Chicago and was six weeks under his treatment, and today I am as well and sound as ever I was, am attending to my business, which requires from sixteen to twenty hours a day. I eat anything that is set before me, having perfect digestion, and I think Dr. Thacher's treatment is a blessing to suffering humanity, and would advise persons with chronic diseases to consult him as I honestly believe he can do for others what he has done for me. Very truly,
J. Y. KECK,

17 E. Third St., Pottstown, Pa.

A WONDERFUL CURE OF SPINAL DISEASE—HELPLESS FOR MANY YEARS—NOW COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Dear Doctor Thacher:—My experience has convinced me that there is no other healing agent like Magnetic Shields.

I used them for spinal trouble and the Shields did the work of lifting me from a chronic invalid to a well and busy woman, at the same time reducing my weight from 250 pounds to 180 pounds. Obedience to nature's laws, wear Dr. Thacher's Shields and you do not need to be sick. May the light of truth dawn on the intelligent minds and teach them the way to be healthy and happy. May God's blessing rest on your good work. Very truly yours,
MISS ADA DICKINSON, Farmdale, Ohio.

We have thousands of just such letters. They come unsolicited in every mail every day in the year. People write to us from Maine to California, stating they have been cured of disease that had been considered incurable. Do not be discouraged. Do not give up hope—no matter if you have been told your trouble could not be cured. Investigate our claims. It is a duty you owe yourself. All we ask is for you to write us a full and complete description of your case and let us PROVE TO YOU THAT WE CAN CURE YOU. We will send you free of charge our new book, "A PLAIN ROAD TO HEALTH," by C. I. Thacher, M. D., containing most valuable information on the subject, and we will advise you just what application of MAGNETISM will be required to cure your case. Write us fully today and we will take the same careful pains to advise you as if you could call at the office and see us in person.

THACHER MAGNETIC SHIELD CO., Inc.,

**SUITE 204, 169 WABASH AVENUE,
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TEN BEAUTIFUL ROSES FREE!

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Bridesmaid. Everybody's favorite, a rich deep pink color with elegant buds and flowers of perfect form.

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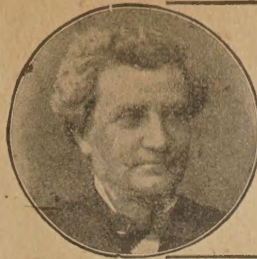
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To Our Contributors. All manuscripts, drawings or photographs sent on approval to this magazine should be addressed to the Editor, James Coursen Bartholomew, Dansville, N. Y., with stamps enclosed for their return if not found acceptable.

WITH THE PUBLISHERS

The publishers of Vick's Magazine are happy—decidedly so; and "there's a reason"—a good one, too. The reading public is treating this magazine handsomely—better, far better, the past two months than during any other like period in the more than thirty years since its founding by the late James Vick. More names have been added to our list, more renewals have come in, and more money has been received on subscription account than during any previous two months in the publication's history. March proved a record breaker and the publishers thought that April would show a decline of income from subscriptions, but no. On the contrary the daily receipts for the first twenty days of the month averaged far above the corresponding days of March. Our clerical force has been greatly increased and yet we have been unable to keep up with the rush. This statement will explain the situation to some who have been wondering why they have not heard from the orders they have sent in. To all such we would say: just be patient; your wishes will be carried into effect at the earliest possible moment. This unprecedented growth of circulation is most gratifying and proves that the efforts of the management to improve the magazine are thoroughly appreciated by the intelligent readers.

ANOTHER EVIDENCE

Of the growing popularity of Vick's Magazine was clearly indicated in last month's issue by the splendid endorsements appearing in the Sunshine and Welfare Symposium from leading statesmen, scholars, educators, poets, authors, and publicists, most of whose names are known from ocean to ocean. Many other letters have been received from our readers from all parts of the nation heartily endorsing the editorial attitude and policy of the New Vick's and the work this publication is doing on behalf of Sunshine, Forestry, Good Roads, and other Human Welfare movements.

FUTURE WELFARE NUMBERS

As previously announced, the June number will be a Good Roads issue and will contain much valuable information and suggestion on this most important subject, which will be made intensely interesting. Among the leading features of the month will be the able, comprehensive and statesmanlike address delivered by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt before the Good Roads Convention at St. Louis, and also a timely article by Hon. L. W. Page, Director of the office of Public Roads, Washington, D. C. The Midsummerspecial number will be decidedly patriotic in tone and will give particular attention to the last great commonwealth to be added to the Union, Oklahoma.

While the schedule for the ensuing year has not been definitely arranged as yet, it is safe to state that among the numbers of great human interest that will appear during the ensuing twelve months, will be: Human Welfare in Industry, The Happy Farm Home, Women's Welfare, The City Beautiful,

The Woman's Club Movement, Human Welfare in Railroading, School and College Welfare, Land Irrigation and Reclamation, and Children's Welfare. All these subjects are of vital interest to the people everywhere and no one desiring to keep fully abreast with the great forward movements of the Twentieth Century can afford to be without Vick's Magazine.

In one of our late autumn numbers will appear a most charming and exquisitely told story by Miss Clara Morris, entitled "The Princess Porcelain."

In the early autumn the New Vick's will publish an article by our greatest American poet, Mr. Edwin Markham, entitled "Give Her of the Fruit of Her Hand," the reading of which will bring hope and cheer to every woman's heart and a higher appreciation of true womanhood to every man.

OUR OKLAHOMA NUMBER

Will be patriotic in tone and will specialize regarding the great new Commonwealth of Oklahoma, the last state to add its star to the coronet of the Nation's glory. This number will contain articles of thrilling interest regarding the romantic Indian life that formerly prevailed in the territory that now constitutes this wonderful state. In addition will be other articles showing the marvelous development of the state, its many advantages, its industrial growth and progress, and its achievements in solving many of the difficult problems of civilization.

A SPLENDID SERIAL STORY

As announced in the April number there begins in this issue of Vick's Magazine a high-grade serial story by an author well known to fame, Mrs. Fannie E. Newberry, who, a few years since, wrote for David C. Cook, the eminent publisher of Sunday School papers, the \$1,000 prize story, "The Wrestler of Philippi," a book of deep interest and great power, which has run through several editions and had a very large sale. The story beginning in this number is entitled "Unchaperoned in Spain" and gives a thrilling account of the adventures of a bright and vivacious typical American girl when apart from her touring party for one brief day. The story also gives a vivid word picture of life in Spain.

WORTH WHILE FORESTRY BOOKS

Every one desiring to become thoroughly posted on the important subjects of Arboriculture and Forestry should become the possessor of the following most excellent works: "A Primer of Forestry" ("Parts I and II") by Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forest Service, Washington, D. C.; "Practical Arboriculture," by John P. Brown & Co., Connerville, Ind., President of the American Arboriculture Association; and "Getting Acquainted With The Trees," by J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Penn., President of the American Civic Association. All these splendid books are beautifully illustrated and enter a most earnest and eloquent plea for the tree.

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Barrels of Air Burned as Fuel

New, Remarkable Stove—Ohioan's Great Invention—Consumes 395 Barrels of Air to One Gallon of common Kerosene oil making oil-gas—the New Fuel that looks and burns like gas.

Wood, Coal and oil all cost money. **ONLY FREE FUEL IS AIR!** Unlimited supply—no trust in control. Air belongs to rich and poor alike. We can't burn air alone but see here! Our wonderful stove burns air and gas—very little gas—principally air. Takes its fuel almost entirely from the atmosphere.

A miniature gas works—penny fuel for every family—save $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ on cost—save dirt and drudgery—no more coal or wood to carry—ashes unknown—absolute safety.

**SEE HOW SIMPLE! TURN A KNOB—TOUCH A MATCH—FIRE IS ON.
TURN AGAIN—FIRE IS OFF! THAT'S ALL.**

Astonishing but true—time-tested—proven facts—circulars give startling details—overwhelming evidence.

NO SUCH STOVE SOLD IN STORES—UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU'VE SEEN OR HEARD OF.

A genius of Cincinnati has invented a new, scientific oil-gas generator that is proving a blessing to women folks, enabling them to cook with gas—relieving them of drudgery. Makes cooking and housework a delight and at the same time often saves $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ in cost of fuel.

How often have many of our lady readers remarked that they would give anything to get rid of the drudgery of using the dirty coal and wood stoves—also the smoky oil wick stoves and their gasoline stoves which are so dangerous and liable to cause explosions or fire at any time.

Well, that day has arrived and a fine substitute has been discovered and every family can now have gas fuel for cooking, baking and heating and not have their kitchens a hot, fiery furnace in summer, and be carrying coal and ashes—ruining their looks and health.

Thousands a Week

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements.

As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbouze, clog up or overflow.

By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas.

This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil.

The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas makes it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-gas is proving so cheap that 15c to 30c a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family.

Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours and as a stove is only used 2 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little.

In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc. What pleasure to just turn on the oil—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think: a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home.

It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated, but simple—easily operated and another feature is its PERFECT SAFETY.

NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage—washing—ironing—camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

Prize Pansies for All Our Readers.

To introduce his Giant pansies, A. T. Cook, the reliable Seedsman of Hyde Park, N. Y., will mail OUR readers his complete Pansy Collection—comprising seed of so lovely Everblooming Varieties: Life-size Picture in 10 colors: Treatise on Growing Pansies—giving all the secrets of success—all for ONE DIME or 12c. in stamps. 3 Collections for 25c. Every reader, and every reader's friend should secure this great bargain. Address as above and be sure and name this paper.

Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which if placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we produce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50% to 75% over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. B. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes breakfast is ready. No danger from an explosion—no



HEATER AND COOKER OR HEATING EXCLUSIVELY. A. H. Size 3.

smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

**Agents are doing fine—Making big money
WONDERFUL QUICK SELLER**

Geo. Robertson, of Maine, writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



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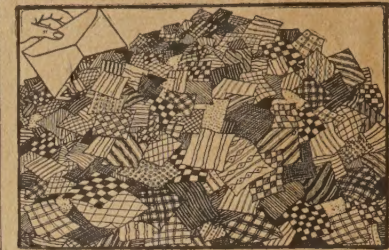
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ARBOR DAY SYMPOSIUM

A Blossoming Bough

BY EDWIN MARKHAM

A blossoming bough against the sky,
And all my blood is asleep with life,
As though glad violins went by
In wild delicious strife!

And the Suisun Hills again are green!
And I am a boy in the canyons deep,
Where the gray sycamores flicker and lean
And waters plunge, and sleep.

A light quick wind blows into my heart,
Faint with the odor of apple trees;
And my lyric lark is back with a start—
And orchards, like white seas!



The Planting

BY FRANK WILLIAM HOWE

Sweet Summer's breath is in the air
On bursting bud and spreading leaf,
And everywhere
Sad nature's grief
O'er winter's blight is gone,—
Gone is the cold and gloom
Of the old year's death—the dawn
Of hope is here!

Make room
For the throbbing life of another year!

Stir deep the soil,
And plant the swelling seeds
Of a stately growth. Let toil
Be consecrated to life's needs.
Plant noble thoughts with the trees we set;
With cheerful smile do faithful deeds
And wait—faint not nor fret.

As giant oaks from acorns grow,
So character's proportions rise
From thoughts and acts and habits slow
Built up to the skies.



The Acorn

BY ADA BLENKHORN

The acorn, planted in the ground,
Becomes a mighty tree;
Beneath its shadow cool and deep
We rest, from labor free.
The tiny streams that lightly leap
Adown the mountain side,
A mighty river soon will flow
To join the ocean wide.

The winning smile, the cheerful word,
The touch of kindly hand
May help some sad and doubting soul
For God and truth to stand,
Upon the tree of smallest growth
The sweetest fruit we find,
And souls we rescue from despair
The richest sheaves may bind.

Then gladly will we day by day
Perform our kindest deeds,
And minister with gentle hand
To others' sorest needs.
While helping some discouraged heart
Who long alone hath striven,
We'll lift ourselves and others up
A little nearer heaven.

Who Plants a Tree

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER

Who plants a tree for fruit or shade,
In orchard fair, on verdant slope;—
Who plants a tree, a tryst has made
With future years, in faith and hope

The babe in cradle-sleep today
Shall grow more swiftly than the tree.
But babes unborn shall shout and play
Beneath the century-living tree.

In branches green the birds shall sing,
And make their nests, and rear their broods,
And many a flight of buoyant wing
Shall flash through breezy solitudes.

Far reaching upward, lo! the tree
Shall catch the light of early dawn,
The moonlight on its crest shall be
A silver sheen till night is gone.

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At the Foot of a Tree

BY MRS. EDWIN MARKHAM

O tree, perhaps alive as I—
One process lacking of my clay,
Give me your outlook to the sky,
The airy cheer that fills your day.

Your grace of perfect service teach
To me, your dare of things that are,
The noble patience that can reach
Across the years from sod to star.



A Twilight Scene

BY ALONZO L. RICE

Oh night of splendor! with ambrosial dew,
The trees embowering are dripping wet,
And in the dusk the birds are piping yet,
And sun-kissed breezes softly wander through
The leaves, from out the fields of western blue,
Where Venus her fair taper now has set
On fire to tell us we must not forget
The hour of love's fond token to renew.
Enchanted visions from Elysian fields
Shed on the night their sweet and subtle spell;
The bat, intoxicated, blindly reels
From out the tower in the wooded dell,
And drowsy Leafles, with their burnished shields,
Ring out their messages that all is well.



Motto for a Tree-Planting

BY RICHARD WATSON GILDER

Stay as the tree—go as the wind;
Whate'er thy place, serve God and kind!
The tree holds commerce with the skies
Though from its place it never flies.
They serve their God; they do not roam,—
The stormy winds that have no home.

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The Lesson of the Tree

BY EBEN E. REXFORD

We have brought from the forest a seedling
That Nature planted there
In God's beautiful woodland garden,
And under her tender care
It began to live out its mission
In a quiet, humble way,
But a broader field of labor
We have chosen for it today.

We plant it here that the children
May watch its leaves unfold
And grow through the summer's greenness
To autumn's brown and gold,
And gain, in the passing seasons,
Some hint of the mighty plan
Thought out by the great God-Teacher
For the growth of the soul in man.

They will watch it struggle upward
To 'rds the sky that smiles o'erhead;
They will watch its strong limbs broaden
As the roots beneath it spread.
It will grow to a thing of beauty,
And men will love the tree
As it comes to the full fruition
Of what God would have it be.

There's an eloquent object-lesson
In the tree we plant today,
As out of its small beginning
It strives, and makes its way.
Ever aspiring upward
To the sunshine and the light,
It will come, at last, to the stature
Of the giant on the height.

Read the lesson over and over
Of God in the growing tree.
Ponder the meanings hidden
In all that you hear and see,
And say—"As this tree strives upward
After the world-old plan
So will I strive, till the student
Grows to the stature of man."

Delve for the deeper knowledge
That is taught in the school of God.
Search for the wisdom waiting
Those who patiently plod.
Let the instinct of striving upward
And reaching out to the sun
Govern each thought and action
Till the scholar's prize is won.



The Beautiful Trees

BY MRS. L. D. AVERY-STUTTLE

O the glorious trees, that nod in the breeze
And smile in the shining sun,
That bow their heads to the stately tread
Oh the seasons, one by one.

From the pine tree plain on the hills of Maine,
With its brave and sturdy look;
From the beautiful palm, beneath the skies of balm;
To the willow by the brook;

We love you all, the great, the small,
And we greet you one by one.
To the cooling shade of the leafy glade
We'll go when our tasks are done.

In the by and by, beneath Eden's sky,
When ended earth's sin and strife,
With joy untold, we may all behold
The glorious Tree of Life.

My Beautiful Cactus

BY SARAH K. BOLTON

My Cactus stands by the window sill,
Cheery and green since the summer died;
I am watching it now with a grateful thrill,
For it always blossoms at Christmas-tide.

The buds come out from the leaflet's end,
And day after day grow long and wide,
Till great pink blossoms in beauty bend;
They always open at Christmas-tide.

Oh hearts! dear hearts, in the passing year,
Made rich by the gifts of One who died,
Do you brighten the world with help and cheer?
Do you always open at Christmas-tide?



Arbor Day

BY BIRCH ARNOLD

When first our fathers roamed the land,
The forest reared its head
In mighty domes, and lofty spires
Where're their footsteps led.

It heard the song of praise at morn,
The grateful prayer at night,
And like a great and sheltering arm
Withstood the tempest's might.

It rang with song of myriad birds
That nested 'neath its shade;
O'er hill and vale a verdured frame
Of tender green it made.

But now, alas, a treeless stretch
Confronts the weary eye;
Beneath the axe of reckless greed
The forest giants lie.

But we who love with all our hearts
This glorious land of ours,
Would gladly make it once again
A land of trees and flowers.

For this we hold our Arbor Day,
And plant the tiny tree,
That shall as time unrolls its scroll
A thing of beauty be.

And thousands yet to come shall bless
The kind and generous hand
That gave again the forest paths
To freedom's fertile land!



In the Woods

BY MARY ROLOSIN

When the summer sun shines fiercely down
On the crowded city and dusty town;
When drooping and faint the flowers lie
And scarcely a wandering breeze goes by,
How cool it is, and how fresh the air,
Where the wood-folk dwell in the forest fair!

But when the storm winds of winter blow,
And the cities and towns are white with snow,
In the forest where the wood-folk dwell,
The fresh, green forest they love so well,
How safe they are sheltered from the cold,
How warm it is in the forest old!

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

HIS GREAT INTEREST IN ARBOR DAY, ARBORICULTURE, AND THE FORESTRY CAUSE

[FOREWORD—By virtue of special arrangement with Colonel William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to President Roosevelt, this Arbor Day Proclamation, issued April 15, 1907, is here published with the President's facsimile autograph attached thereto. The beautiful half-tone picture of the President appearing herewith is from an autograph photo presented to the editor of Vick's Magazine through the courtesy of Colonel Loeb.]

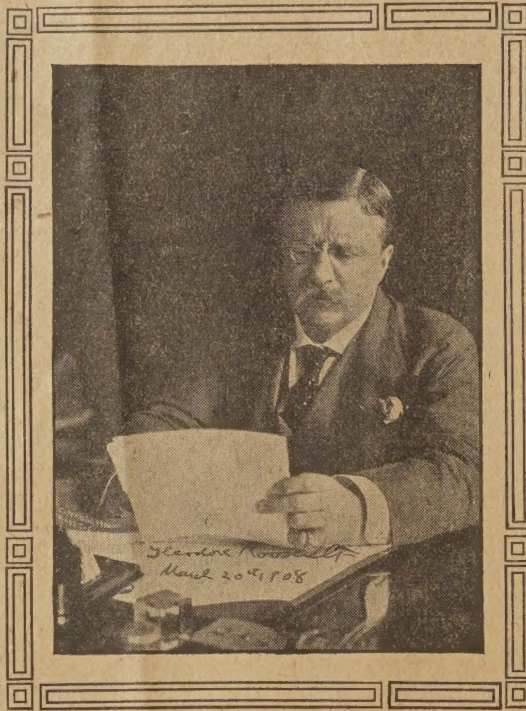
Proclamation of the President to the School Children of the United States

TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE UNITED STATES:

Arbor Day (which means simply "Tree Day") is now observed in every State in our Union and mainly in the schools. At various times from January to December, but chiefly in the months of April and May, you give a day or part of a day to special exercises and perhaps to actual tree planting, in recognition of the importance of trees to us as a nation, and of what they yield in adornment, comfort, and useful products to the communities in which you live.

It is well that you should celebrate your Arbor Day thoughtfully, for within your lifetime the Nation's need of trees will become serious. We of an older generation can get along with what we have, though with growing hardship; but in your full manhood and womanhood you will want what nature once so bountifully supplied and man so thoughtlessly destroyed; and because of that want you will reproach us, not for what we have used, but for what we have wasted.

For the nation, as for the man or woman and the boy or girl, the road to success is the right use of what we have and the improvement of present opportunity. If you neglect to prepare yourselves now for the duties and responsibilities which will fall upon you later, if you do not learn the things which you will need to know when your school days are over, you will suffer the consequences. So any nation which in its youth lives only for the day, reaps



without sowing, and consumes without husbanding, must expect the penalty of the prodigal, whose labor could with difficulty find him the bare means of life.

A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a storehouse full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood, and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens. The value of forestry deserves, therefore, to be taught in the schools, which aim to make good citizens of you. If your Arbor Day exercises help you to realize what benefits each one of you receives from the forests, and how by your assistance these benefits may continue, they will serve a good end.

Theodore Roosevelt

President Roosevelt's Tribute to the Memory of J. Sterling Morton

I knew him in public life, and as a friend outside of public life; and I value him most highly for those qualities of sturdy manhood, of courage, fearlessness, broadmindedness, and absolute integrity, which we like to see in one whom we regard as specially representative of our nation. Mr. Morton was prominent among that limited number of men who champion great movements; to whom it is given to associate their names with a movement of marked benefit to the people as a whole. More than any other man, Secretary Morton will stand as the representative of those far-sighted enough to realize the great need of tree culture.

NATURE LOVERS' CREED

BY MRS. P. S. PETERSON—Chairman Forestry Committee: General Federation of Women's Clubs

I believe in nature, and in God's out-of-doors.

I believe in pure air, fresh water and abundant sunlight.

I believe in the mountains, and as I lift up mine eyes to behold them, I receive help and strength.

I believe that below their snowy crowns their mantles should be ever green.

I believe in the forests where the sick may be healed and the weary strengthened; where the aged may renew their youth, and the young gather stores of wisdom which shall abide with them forever.

I believe that the groves were God's first temples, and that here all hearts should be glad, and no evil thought come to mar the peace; I believe that all who seek shelter within these aisles should guard the noble heritage from harm, and the fire fiend never be allowed to roam unwatched.

I believe in the highland springs and lakes, and would have noble trees stand guard around them; upon the mountain sides I would spread a thick carpet of leaves and moss through which the water might find its way into the valleys and onward to the ocean.

I believe in the giant trees which have stood for thousands of years, and pray that no harm shall come nigh them.

I believe in the axe of the trained woodsman and would have it hew down the mature trees of today that we may secure lumber for our needs, and the trees of smaller growth have more light and air and space.

I believe in the seeds of the trees, and would gather and plant them, and I would care for the



I believe in the Mountains; I believe
in the Forests

seedlings until they are ready to stand with their brothers in the forest and plains; then the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad and the desert shall rejoice.

I believe in protecting the birds and the animals that live amidst the trees, and the ferns and mosses and blossoming plants.

I believe in all the beautiful things of nature, and would preserve, protect and cherish them.

"Come let's to the fields, the meads, and the mountains,
The forests invite us, the streams and the fountains."

A Tribute by Governor Furnas

It affords me great pleasure to pay humble tribute to the memory of J. Sterling Morton.

It was my good fortune to have known him intimately and consecutively for a period of forty-eight years. During the whole of that time, I was honored by being a close associate and co-worker with him in his efforts for the upbuilding of Nebraska and the "New West" generally. He was, during his entire residence of near a half century, a devoted, persistent, and most successful advocate and laborer in this line of work. His impress is indelibly stamped on all that tends to "make life easy and the people happy." He was a statesman of marked ability in the true import of that word. He was generous and of noble heart, as was attested by his numerous acts of charity and benevolence. He lived and "the world was better for his having lived in it." The author of his being has "called him from labor to rest." ROBT. W. FURNAS.

EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND

HIS ELOQUENT TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF J. STERLING MORTON—The Author of Arbor Day

[FOREWORD—The following is an excerpt from the brilliant dedicatory address delivered by Ex-President Grover Cleveland at the unveiling of the memorial monument to the memory of Hon. J. Sterling Morton, delivered at Nebraska City, Nebr., Oct. 28, 1905.—Editor.]

Our friend loved nature with constancy and delight; and through nature he was lead to a reverent love of the Maker of the universe. He served the purposes of God on earth and taught his fellow countrymen to realize their relationship to Nature and the Father of all created things when he established the planting of trees as a custom of general observance among our people. This work was done without trumpeting the praise of the man who founded Arbor Day, and without perverting its beneficent design to the exploitation of his fame. It was done modestly and quietly—in keeping with the disposition of its promotor and his estimate of reasonable service. No beautiful crest or elaborate coat of arms would so well illustrate his grand simplicity, or typify the spirit in which this project had its rise and completion, as its symbolization by a growing tree surmounting the homely legend—"Plant Trees."

Though the erection of this monument may have had its beginning in the loving appreciation of Arbor Day, we cannot escape the feeling that it would tell but little of the story of the life and career of the founder of that day if there were not imperishably inscribed upon it the words, "Pioneer, Statesman, Scholar," as well as "Tree Planter." And even with all that has been here builded and inscribed, those who knew him best and loved him most cannot see in this dull, cold effigy any presentment of the tenderness and unceasing affection of the father and brother, and the cheerfulness and mirth which in his hours of relaxation he brought to his fireside, nor the open-heartedness and contagious good humor which he gave to intimate companionship. The monument which recalls these features of his heart and soul is built on the hallowed ground of memory.

And yet, none of us should go from this place untouched by the lesson which this statue teaches. Here we should learn that character uncorrupted by the contagion of ignoble things and unweakened by the corrosion of sordidness and money-madness, is the cornerstone of every truly useful life, and of every genuinely noble achievement. We shall do violence to the moral sense which God has vouchsafed to humanity if amid these surroundings we close our minds to the truth that character represents the real value of a man according to the unalterable standard



of fine gold; and that it differs immeasurably from reputation which measures a man's worth by the shifting and untrue standards of mean ambition or successful cupidity. We have fallen upon days when our people are more than ever turning away from their old faith in the saving grace of character, and flocking to the worship of money-making idols. Daily and hourly in the investigation and exposure, characterless lives are seen in appalling numbers without chart or compass, crowded upon the rocks and shoals of faithlessness and breach of trust. How ill have these wrecked lives exchanged the safe course and the harbor of honor and usefulness which character and rectitude point out, for a wild and headlong rush over unknown seas in a consuming search for pelf.

If our people ever return again to their trust in character as a steadying force in our restless enterprise and immense material growth, it will be when they take to heart the full significance of such a commemoration as this. We memorialize a man who not only earned the lasting honor of his countrymen, but whose life, in all things worthy of high endeavor, was abundantly successful. As a pioneer who labored to improve the new country of his home, he lived to see it blossom as the rose; as a scholar he cultivated his own mental powers and acquired knowledge in order that he might be able to instruct and benefit others; as a statesman he left the impress of high aspiration upon our citizenship, and of usefulness and fidelity upon our

public life; and as the father of tree-planting he gained the grateful remembrance of the old and young of the present generation and the generations yet unborn. All of these things he wrought out through the power of a strong, wholesome patriotic and beautiful character.

Let those of us who were his fellow citizens and knew his life, heed his example, to the end that our work may be more unselfish and more loyal to the purposes of God and the betterment of our fellowmen. Let his sons, in whom was centered all his worldly pride, remember that the only success which is satisfying and honorable is that achieved in their father's spirit and high resolve.

It is fitting that this monument should recall memories that must not die. It is well that it should arouse the living to noble endeavor. But to the dead it avails not. He has reared his own monument "more durable than brass or stone."

Carl Morton's Orchard

[FOREWORD:—A few years before the untimely death of Mr. Carl Morton, his father, J. Sterling Morton, wrote this veritable prose poem, which was then published by him in *The Conservative*. The fact that both the author and the two loved ones of whom he so tenderly wrote have all passed to the great beyond, imparts to this beautiful passage a most exquisite pathos.—EDITOR.]

It was a bright, balmy morning in April more than a quarter of a century ago. The sun was nursing the young grass into verdure, and the prairie was just beginning to put off its winter coat of sombre colorings. Tranquil skies and morning mists were redolent at Arbor Lodge of the coming resurrection of the foliage and flowers that died the autumn before. All about the cottage home there was hope and peace; and everywhere the signs of woman's watchful love and tidy care, when suddenly, toned with affectionate solicitude, rang out: "Carl, Carl!" but no answer came. Down stairs, up stairs, at the barn, even in the well, everywhere, the mother's voice called anxiously, again and again. But the silence, menacing and frightening, was unbroken by an answer from the lost boy. At last, however, he was found behind a smoke house, busily digging in the ground with a small spade, though only five years of age, and he said: "I'm too busy to talk. I'm planting an orchard," and sure enough, he had set out a tiny seedling apple tree, a small cottonwood, and a little elm.

The delighted mother clasped him in her arms,



Statue of J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska City, Neb.

kissed him and said: "This orchard must not be destroyed."

And so now

"I hear the muffled tramp of years
Come stealing up the slopes of Time;
They bear a train of smiles and tears
Of burning hopes and dreams sublime."

The child's orchard is more than thirty years of age. The cottonwood is a giant now, and its vibrant foliage talks, summer after summer, in the evening breeze with human-like voice, and tells its life story to the graceful, swaying elm near by, while the gnarled and scrubby little apple tree, shaped, as to its head, like a despondent toadstool, stands in dual shade, and bears small sweet apples, year after year, in all humility. But that orchard must not be destroyed. It was established by the youngest tree planter who ever planted in this tree planter's state, and for his sake and the memory of the sweet soul who nursed and loved him, it lives and grows, one cottonwood, one apple tree, one elm.

"But O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."

The memories that live and bloom in trees, that whisper of the loved and lost in summer leaves, are as imperishable as the seasons of the year—immortal as the love of a mother.

THE SHIFTLESS MASONS

BY RUTH HAYS

IT WAS a sunny morning in late March. Already in sheltered spots the grass was faintly green, and the tree branches were beginning to be misty against the pale blue sky. The wind was still keen, and here and there a dingy and bespattered heap of snow held out against the sunshine. By and by the day would be warm, but it was yet early and uncomfortably cold. Tom Mason, raking up the litter around the slovenly dooryard, looked about him with hopeless taste.

The house was bare and unpainted, set well back from the unkempt, muddy street, which was scarcely more than a lane on the outskirts of the town. Back of the house stretched the remains of an untidy vegetable garden, still showing the wreck of last year's cornstalks and tall dead weeds; and beyond that were woods. The lot was rather large, with dilapidated stone walls on three sides, and a broken, sagging fence in front, a stretch of coarse grass matted with weeds and strewn with various litter lying between it and the house. Under the front windows a few withered stalks showed that a discouraged flower bed had once been there, but beyond this there seemed to have been no attempt at improvement anywhere. Two or three gaunt fowls were wandering aimlessly about, and the whole place wore a miserable air of poverty and unthrift.

Presently a girl came to the door and called to him cheerily, and Tom straightened up, leaning on his rake.

"Do you know what they call us?" he said bitterly, not answering her question. "The shiftless Masons"—and it's true."

Janet flushed and her thin fingers tightened around the broom she held. "Then it shan't be true any longer," she said hotly. "I won't be shiftless, and you shan't either. Say you won't, Tom! Promise!" She stamped her foot as she spoke, but the boy answered drearily. "It's no use. Nobody will believe in us."

Janet interrupted him fiercely. "They shall believe in us—we'll make them do it! It's up to us, Tom. There's nobody else, and we two have got to keep things going, and bring up the children to be somebody. And we will! We must do it, Tom; you know we must."

"I'll do what I can," began the boy doubtfully, but Janet seized his arm tightly in her eagerness and shook it. "No, no, no!" she cried sharply. "Say you'll do it! You'll do it or die, Tom! Say that."

Tom's eyes kindled. He waited a moment, then he said slowly, "I'll promise you, Janet—and I'll keep it," and the girl knew he meant what he said. She patted him on the shoulder in the motherly way she had learned of late, and her lip trembled, but neither spoke again for a moment. Then Janet turned to go in.

"Breakfast is all ready—you'll be late, Tom. We'll talk it over tonight—and change all this," with a wave of her hand at the general untidiness.

"I'll make it clean," Tom answered, "as clean as you keep it indoors, and that's a big job. But it won't look much better."

"It will—lots better! You'll see. There's Johnny calling." She ran in while Tom left his unpromising task and slowly followed breakfastward.

Janet Mason was the eldest of six, herself barely sixteen, while Tom was a year younger. Their father had been a careless, good-natured man, honest and temperate enough, but utterly thriftless and irresponsible, nobody's enemy but his own. Of course he married early, a pretty delicate girl, and with the slender dowry that she brought him, had bought this bit of land outside the village for a song and built the little house. Then he rested content, cultivating a careless garden at the mercy of wandering fowls that dug more industriously than he did, and occasionally working for a neighbor here and there, if he chanced to feel like it. He had no vices except laziness, and his poor drudging wife had loved him to the end. When he was killed by a runaway horse ("too lazy to get out of the way," one of his harsher neighbors said,) she had mourned him sincerely, and his children grieved as for a better man.

For years the mother's laundry work had been the mainstay of the household, and Janet, early taught by stern necessity, had been her right hand. Tom earned a little here and there, and at fourteen got "a steady job" at the nearest grocery, with small pay and long hours. Somehow they had struggled on, but the mother's spirit had long been broken by hopeless drudgery, and kindly death gave her the rest which life denied. A fortnight ago they had carried her to the drear little cemetery on the hill where her husband



Janet and the Little Cottage after the Transformation

lay; and so it was that Janet and Tom were facing the stern responsibilities of life, with four younger children dependent upon them—or the town—for support.

They were good children in the main, and Janet had been for so long nearly as much of an authority as her mother that there was little difficulty on that score. It was the old problem of what they should eat, and what they should drink, and wherewithal should they be clothed. Janet had thought much since her father's death. The squalor and wretchedness of their lives had never impressed her before somehow. She saw her mother fading out of life, crushed by its burdens. She realized sharply the manner in which their neighbors regarded them; and many a long, anxious talk she had had with her mother, whose ambition for her children was all that was left her in the wreck. Janet believed now that she had found a way out, and up. All through her toilsome day she thought and planned, and when Tom came home at last from the store, after the children were in bed, he found a very eager Janet waiting for him.

"Tom," she began almost directly, "I've been talking to Mrs. Brown. You know how good she's always been to mother"—she choked a little, but went on bravely; "and she's promised to let me go on with her work, and so has Mrs. Knox, and Mrs. Hastings. That's four dollars a week. I think I could feed us on that; not good, but we shouldn't starve. And with what you earn we can live, I'm pretty sure—"

"It's too hard work for you, Janet," interrupted Tom. "You can't do all that—alone." But Janet protested eagerly.

"I can, Tom. I've done it quite a while now, ever since mother couldn't; and I'm strong. I know I can. And Tom, I hope you won't mind—I talked to Mrs. Brown about you, too, and she spoke to Mr. Brown; and he says—(Oh, I wonder if you'll like it!) he says he'll give you a chance in the mill. You'll have to brace up, he said, and—not 'slouch,' and it'll be hard work. But if you suit him, he'll put you ahead as fast as you're fit for it. It'll be five dollars a week to begin with," she added wistfully, "and that's more than you get now, and I'm sure you can suit him."

Tom looked very sober, for in truth the mill didn't seem to him at all attractive; but how could he disappoint Janet, who was looking at him so imploringly? "I'll do it," he said quietly. "Mother used to say you could learn to like anything if you only worked hard enough at it. And I'll try."

"You ought to be a carpenter, Tom. Mother always said so, you're so handy with tools. But I don't see how you could—now. You wouldn't be earning anything for so long, and the children are always so hungry"—with a little sigh.

"Oh no, that's no use. I'd have to be apprenticed too long. We must have that five dollars a week to live on, and I'll be worth more just as quick as I can."

"But that isn't all," Janet was cheering up. "Mrs. Brown is so good; she's got a place for Johnny to do errands at the Woman's Exchange every day before school and after, and all day Saturday. They'll give him half a dollar anyway, she says; may be a dollar if he's good—and he shall be!"—Tom nodded, and she went on. "And Lucy; Tom, I don't know what you'll think! I went to Miss Edgerton."

Tom whistled. "Whe-ew! wasn't that cheeky? the best school in town!" Janet looked rather shamefaced. "I know it," she said humbly, "that was why I went. Lucy is quick to learn. She'd make a good teacher if she could have a chance. I asked Miss Edgerton to let me work for her, and pay for Lucy to learn how. She—she didn't like it at first," she added, flushing, and Tom said "No," very soberly.

"But after a while she was different, and real kind. She said she liked my spirit; she did truly, Tom! And what do you think she offered to do?"

"Teach you instead," answered Tom promptly. "I wish she would."

But Janet shook her head decidedly. "Oh no, I'm a dunce. And what would the children do? But Lucy's different. Miss Edgerton keeps house, you know, alone, and she said she'd take Lucy to live with her and help around the house, and teach her for nothing if she did all right. And if she could make a good teacher of her, she'd let Lucy be her assistant when she's big enough, and learned how. Lucy's twelve you know, and she can wash dishes and dust, and sweep some. And she's a good little thing; she'll like it and learn all Miss Edgerton's nice ways—things I don't know at all. She was real kind, Miss Edgerton was. I wasn't a bit afraid of her after the first."

Tom whistled again. "Well! you're a planner! Anything more? Got places for the twins yet?"

Janet laughed a little. "Oh, the twins! They'll be the most use of any of us, I shouldn't wonder. I've thought of lots they can do. They help now—Bobby sets the table and Willy helps me make the beds, and they run errands, and things like that. Pretty soon they can begin to go for dandelion greens and cowslips and water cresses to sell. And when it's berry time, they can go every day."

"Poor little kids!" put in Tom soberly, and Janet's ready tears started.

"Oh Tom," she said imploringly, "You don't think I'd be hard on them—our babies? I wouldn't wonder for the world. But they're so active—you don't know! I have to keep them busy, or they'd be in mischief all the time, truly!"

"I'll risk you, Janet. You won't hurt 'em. I only meant they'd never remember mother, or—"

"I know it's worst for them; but we'll do all we can, Tom." Janet paused for a moment. Then she said cheerfully, "They'll be a lot of help in the garden, too. We must have the garden, you know, Tom; we couldn't get along without that. If we can get it ploughed, we'll do the rest, all of us. Mrs. Brown's lent me a garden book that tells how. And that's another thing, Tom—you'll get home from the mill at six o'clock and have lots of time summer nights. We can work together, and the twins can weed, and drop potatoes and that; and so can Johnny."

Tom looked doubtful of the gardening abilities of the twins. "I can anyway," he said smiling. "We'll have the garden, Janet. I'll burn up the weeds tomorrow."

"Yes, and I've such plans—you'll see! Why, its after ten o'clock, Tom, we must go to bed. But we can live, don't you think so?"

"We will, Janet." It was Tom's turn now to pat her on the shoulder. "Poor old girl, you're all tired out. Go to bed and dream I'm superintendent and you a lady. No more hard work for you then."

"A nice lady I'd be! I want to work, thank you!" and they went off to their rooms more cheerful than for many a long day. And so the new life began.

In after times Janet used to say that if the long winter had been before them they could never have struggled through it, but the hope of the springtide kept them up. The coal didn't melt away so cruelly fast; she even fancied the children were not quite so hungry all the time. Many and many a day as she toiled in the lonely house, missing on every hand her mother's patience and courage to endure, she felt that their burdens were greater than she could bear. And Tom had his dark days too, but they never told. They kept their cheer for each other, their discouragements for themselves. And the spring came early that year, and with its beauty and promise about them, and its ever new hope to cheer, how could they despair?

"Can trouble live with April days?"

When the garden work began, it proved a great resource to them all; the odd minutes were spent out of doors, and much excitement prevailed. The nomad fowls roved no more, but were shut up to domestic life in one corner of the back lot. When Mrs. Brown gave them plants from her own garden, and flower seeds in abundance, the discouraged little garden under the front windows began to take heart of grace. Janet was fascinated by the vine-wreathed cottages of the Garden Book, and the twins had been cajoled into bringing Virginia creepers from the woods to plant about the bare little place, and tumbling stone walls. While these should be growing, morning glories and scarlet beans were planted thickly and began to riot. A good neighbor gave them a honeysuckle for the

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J. STERLING MORTON—Author of Arbor Day

BY JOHN NORDHOUSE—Secretary to Mr. Morton During the Last Ten Years of His Life

LOVE of Nature and Love of Home were the dominant qualities in the great life of J. Sterling Morton. Hence it was that he became the author of Arbor Day, the most glorious Nature festival the world has known, and, with his noble wife, the founder and maker of one of the most beautiful homes in all the mighty empire of the West. The ancestors of J. Sterling Morton were English on the paternal side and sturdy Scotch-Irish on the mother's side, whose descendants early settled in New England. Later their offspring "went out west," as New York State was then called, and it was at the little town of Adams, Jefferson County, New York, that the subject of this sketch was born, April 22, 1832. Prior to this

home been reared, when both husband and wife cheerily performed together the actual work of planting the first trees on the quarter-section—the pioneer trees—that now adorn and glorify Arbor Lodge, one of the most beautiful country seats of which the nation boasts. When the future founder of Arbor Day and member of a president's cabinet first arrived in Nebraska, a territorial government still prevailed, and that had not long been in existence.

Young Morton entered with great zest and enthusiasm into the vastly important work of "organizing and putting into motion the machinery of civil government under the Nebraska organic act, to enable the new community to live in order regulated by law." His first public service was as member of the lower house of the second legislative assembly, to which he was elected from Otoe County in the autumn of 1855, though then only twenty-three years of age. He was at once recognized as a leader, and took an important part in the proceedings of the session, which had to do with the perplexing problems connected with the capital location, regarding which there was intense and bitter rivalry between many aspiring would-be cities. Another question about which centered a fierce controversy was that regarding state bank currency, and Mr. Morton placed himself in unqualified opposition to the many "wild cat" proposals that were offered. He was bitterly assailed as being opposed to the business welfare of his "own town." At the ensuing election he defended his position most ably but was defeated at the polls on this issue. He had the satisfaction, however, of being elected by a good majority one year later, 1857. From this time to the end of his life Mr. Morton was a powerful combatant in the arena of politics, at first in his own

state and later in the broader field of national conflict. Instinctively the party of his choice, when in sore need of a bold and resourceful champion to lead a minority against an aggressive majority, turned to him again and again, and, again and again, though often after much persuasion from his fellows, did he take the party standard and carry it bravely to the front, contesting every inch of ground with opposing political generals at the head of far greater numbers. In several conflicts the first returns indicated his triumph at the polls, but in political warfare, as in litigation, possession often proves to be the "nine points" by which the palm of victory is finally awarded. His political career in his adopted state may thus be epitomized: elected to the legislature, 1855; defeated as a candidate for the legislature, 1856; elected to the legislature, 1857; appointed secretary of the territory of Nebraska in May 1858, by President Buchanan, continuing in such position until May 1861, when Algernon S. Paddock, afterward United States Senator, was appointed by President Lincoln to succeed him; was a candidate for delegate to congress in 1860, receiving a majority of fourteen votes over Samuel G. Daily, but, following a contest by the latter, was unseated; on the admission of Nebraska as a state he was the Democratic candidate for governor and so hotly did he press the battle that on the face of the returns he had won by 148 votes, but an adverse returning board awarded the certificate of election to his opponent, David Butler, of Pawnee County: was a candidate of the Democratic party for United States Senator before the first state legislature, but was defeated by a few votes by John M. Thayer; was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for governor in 1882 and again in 1884, though in the last named year he received more than twice the votes given him two years before; was defeated for congress in 1888 by W. J. Connelley, of Omaha; in 1892 he was again a candidate for governor against Lorenzo Crounse, Republican, and Charles H. Van Wyck, Populist, the former winning by a close margin—in this contest Mr. Morton strongly advocated the gold standard; at the session of the legislature the following winter, he was selected by a coalition of gold Democrats and Republicans as their candidate for United States Senator, but just as victory seemed assured, a colored Republican from Omaha, through an unjust prejudice against Mr. Morton, withdrew from the compact, thus resulting in the election of another. But J. Sterling Morton triumphed even in seeming defeat. By his long continued, heroic, and masterly defense of his political faith against overwhelming odds, he had won his place as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in the nation, the peer, associate, and trusted adviser of men like Grover Cleveland, Thomas F. Bayard, John G. Carlisle, William R. Morrison, Richard Olney, and other men of their class. It was but a natural consequence, therefore, that a few days after his defeat for senator in the spring of 1893, President Grover Cleveland offered him a seat in his cabinet as Secretary of Agriculture. This position he held until the close of the second Cleveland administration March 4, 1897. During his incumbency of this important office, he exhibited exceptional executive ability, accomplished wonderful economies in the conduct of the department affairs, introduced the merit system, and greatly increased the efficiency of every branch of the service, seeking always to adhere to the rule that every dollar of the people's money expended should yield a dollar's worth of value to the great agricultural interests of the nation.

While he will be remembered as a powerful and masterful political leader and a great cabinet officer, J. Sterling Morton will be known in history as the author of Arbor Day and the eloquent preacher of the simple gospel, "Plant Trees." As this phase of his life work will be treated in another column, under the heading "History of Arbor Day," it will not be enlarged upon in this connection.

While the story of his public life is fascinating in the extreme, it was within the sacred precincts of the home that the true nobility and greatness of J. Sterling Morton's character were revealed. Four times in their married life did the fond wife, through the martyrdom of motherhood, crown the husband with the glory and dignity of fatherhood. The first born was Joy Morton, whose birth occurred at Detroit, Sept. 28, 1855; the second son, Paul Morton, was born also at Detroit, May 22, 1857; the third son, Mark Morton, was born in the historic Herndon Hotel at Omaha, November 22, 1858; and the youngest son, Carl Morton, was born at Arbor Lodge, Nebraska City, February 18, 1865. Carefully safeguarded by the strong, stalwart father and tenderly nurtured by the loving mother, these four sons grew to manhood's estate, and during all their maturing years might this fond mother with a just pride have applied to them the very words spoken by the noble mother of the Grachi in ancient Rome: "These are my jewels." With a mother's natural prevision she beheld the promise of the sturdy men they were to be, but alas, it was not given her to live to see the day when her boys were to take their places among the giants of their day in the great world of business and statesmanship. She never knew that one of the four, Paul Morton, would, while still a young man, be the vice-president of one of the nation's greatest railroad systems; that he would become an honored member of a president's cabinet; and knew not that her son would later be chosen, when the world's greatest life assurance company would need a man of commanding ability and sterling integrity to improve the administration of its affairs. Nor did she

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The First Arbor Lodge

event, however, members of the family had lived still farther west, his grandfather, Abner Morton, having resided at Detroit, where he became the first editor of the Detroit Free Press, the first daily newspaper established in the State of Michigan. The parents of J. Sterling Morton were Julius Dewey Morton, born at St. Albans, Vermont, March 10, 1808, and Emeline Sterling Morton, born at Adams, New York, February 16, 1812. Soon after the birth of their first son, J. Sterling, they removed to Monroe, Michigan, where the lad's early life was passed and his primary education obtained. Later he entered the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. While pursuing his studies at this institution he frequently contributed to the Detroit Free Press, of which his grandfather had been the first editor. When he became a contributor, this paper was owned and edited by Wilbur F. Story, later known as one of the few really great editors this country has produced. Articles written at this time by the young university student attracted the favorable notice and commendation of the great Michigan statesman, Gen. Lewis Cass. Soon after his arrival in Nebraska in 1854, Mr. Morton began contributing to the Bellevue Palladium, the first paper published in the territory, and upon settling at Nebraska City he became the editor of the News of that place. Throughout life he rendered the public much valuable service as an editor and contributor to the press upon subjects relating to the general welfare. The young student did not remain long at Ann Arbor, but later attended Union College at Schenectady, New York, and was finally graduated from that institution under its famous president, Dr. Eliphalet Nott.

Soon after his graduation another event occurred, October 30, 1854, doubtless the most important of his life—his marriage to Miss Caroline Joy, a young woman of rare charm, refined, highly educated, and accomplished. One who knew her most intimately in life penned this glowing tribute: "Her great generous heart was a perennial fountain of benevolence, never failing and never ceasing." That she was brave as she was fair was shown by the fact that she cheerfully left her childhood home the very morning of her marriage and started with her liege lord on the long and then uncertain journey to the far West, there, among strangers, and on the very frontier of civilization, to begin life with the brave, buoyant, high-hopping, sturdy young man to whom she had just plighted her love.

After stopping a few weeks at Bellevue, Nebraska, for the purpose of "taking his latitude and longitude in the new land," young Morton "homesteaded" in the autumn of 1854 on a fine quarter-section of land, the present site of beautiful Arbor Lodge, near Nebraska City. He at once set about erecting a small but comfortable home—the first Arbor Lodge—a picture of which appears herewith. Scarcely had the little

state and later in the broader field of national conflict. Instinctively the party of his choice, when in sore need of a bold and resourceful champion to lead a minority against an aggressive majority, turned to him again and again, and, again and again, though often after much persuasion from his fellows, did he take the party standard and carry it bravely to the front, contesting every inch of ground with opposing political generals at the head of far greater numbers. In several conflicts the first returns indicated his triumph at the polls, but in political warfare, as in litigation, possession often proves to be the "nine points" by which the palm of victory is finally awarded. His political career in his adopted state may thus be epitomized: elected to the legislature, 1855; defeated as a candidate for the legislature, 1856; elected to the legislature, 1857; appointed secretary of the territory of Nebraska in May 1858, by President Buchanan, continuing in such position until May 1861, when Algernon S. Paddock, afterward United States Senator, was appointed by President Lincoln to succeed him; was a candidate for delegate to congress in 1860, receiving a majority of fourteen votes over Samuel G. Daily, but, following a contest by the latter, was unseated; on the admission of Nebraska as a state he was the Democratic candidate for governor and so hotly did he press the battle that on the face of the returns he had won by 148 votes, but an adverse returning board awarded the certificate of election to his opponent, David Butler, of Pawnee County: was a candidate of the Democratic party for United States Senator before the first state legislature, but was defeated by a few votes by John M. Thayer; was the unsuccessful candidate of his party for governor in 1882 and again in 1884, though in the last named year he received more than twice the votes given him two years before; was defeated for congress in 1888 by W. J. Connelley, of Omaha; in 1892 he was again a candidate for governor against Lorenzo Crounse, Republican, and Charles H. Van Wyck, Populist, the former winning by



A Rose Walk at Arbor Lodge

UNCHAPERONED IN SPAIN

BY FANNIE E. NEWBERRY—Author of the *Wrestler of Phillippi*

SO YOU will not attend the bull-fight, Miss Constance," questioned the high-keyed voice of Berrien. Constance had once remarked that this voice reminded her of a bell, and at a surprised ejaculation from her listeners, had added, "Yes, a sheep's bell," which seemed so accurately descriptive that every one had drawn a long breath before bursting into laughter.

Now her mutinous little head, its bronze tones flashing back the lights of the Plaza Nueva, was turned quite away from her mature admirer, while her brown eyes, laughing yet weary, so eagerly besought relief that her stately friend and fellow-voyager, Alicia Van Tuyl, interposed, "Surely, Mr. Berrien, you would not recommend it as a refining spectacle?"

Norris Berrien, small and precise in more than build and garb, carefully set down his glass of helada, that delicious Spanish concoction which suggests Sierra snows and Castile orange-groves, carefully wiped his thin lips, and answered:—

"Not e-x-a-c-t-l-y, Miss Alicia, no. Yet, as one of the things to see, I should—"

"We do not travel by the book," put in Constance, scornfully, setting down her own glass with a thump that might have tested anything less thick and clumsy. "Mama, have you gone to sleep over your helada? Come, Mr. Berrien is ready to give you his arm, I'm sure. Where is Jack, Alicia? Oh, there he is! Jack, we're going back to the hotel; we're all tired out."

"Well, I'm not, then," resentfully. "The fun doesn't begin till midnight, this hot weather. Why must you always be jerking a fellow off somewhere's else, I'd like to know?"

"Jacky," pacifically, "aren't you going to the bull-fight tomorrow?"

"Well, I should remark! What did we come to Seville for, anyhow?"

"Sure enough. Well, bull-fights are exciting spectacles, and you want to calm your nerves by plenty of sleep tonight. Besides, I've something to tell you."

By this time, three abreast, the younger people were bumping along the Calle Sierpes, the Broadway of Seville, occupying the pavement with that calm instinct to assured possession which seldom forsakes the English-speaking tourist. The awnings, which in the daytime often stretch from house to house across the width of the thoroughfare, were generally furled back this warm night, and the soft vista of moonlighted sky above them glowed with a tropical brilliance that made the feeble lights below a mockery. Mrs. Germaine, a slow walker, seemed to Mr. Berrien fairly to saunter now, so impatient was he to be up with the three lithe figures swinging along in front, and evidently enjoying their talk with heads close together. Constance was speaking rapidly.

"It will be the jolliest lark, Jack, and nobody'll miss me; for you will all be at the bull-fight. Nothing would induce me to see that brutal affair, anyhow, and I'll for once get off the beaten path, and take a look at Spain in all her native purity, where no foreigners have penetrated. The Casper boys say it is the most picturesque place they ever saw. They worked a month there when they were studying with a pupil of Daubigny's. It's as remote as 'Darkest Africa,'



Jack dutifully attended her to the station

and almost as uncivilized—an innocent little mountain hamlet. The rest of you can come on before night. It will be right on your way to the coast, and mother can sleep there, and be fresher to go on next morning: I shall certainly go."

Constance generally had her way, first or last; but Mrs. Germaine stood out longer than usual against this freak, when it was sprung upon her, after Mr. Berrien's prolonged leave-taking. He was one of those unfortunate beings who never know the exact moment for graceful departure, but keep their entertainers standing to the point of exhaustion through a score of hopeful, but ineffective feints; and tonight Constance had coolly yawned in his very face.

Mrs. Germaine dimly comprehended that the girl's restless, petulant humors and morbid ennui of late, might be traced to one source alone—the presence of the little man who had joined them in Paris, deter-

mined to be heard this time. There had been other times when Constance had outmaneuvered him.

He had been heard—by Mrs. Germaine—who had stayed the sturdy "No!" on her daughter's lips by tears and entreaties, and commuted it to a reluctant concession that she must take time to consider the proposal. And tomorrow ended the week of reprieve.

Poor Mrs. Germaine! Here was a beautiful, willful daughter nearing twenty-two, still unwooed if not unwed; and here was a suitor, strictly eligible as to family, fortune and morals. Yet the girl was ready to throw him over for reasons too frivolous to mention.

"O, mother!" she cried tonight, as she, nervously flung aside her street wraps, "how can I marry a creature who is dwarfed by my hat feathers, who talks falsetto, sings soprano, and never swears at all? And who beats down every poor wretch who tries to earn a peseta of us, and—"

"But, my dear, he is lavish to you. Think of the curios he has bought you."

"Who wants his cheap, tawdry truck?" cried Constance, too excited to select her words, her eyes black, and her cheeks aflame. "I want a man, not a hurdy-gurdy monkey, to go hopping around picking me up bric-a-brac! Did you see how ridiculous he looked when that poor old donkey shied with him, going up the mountain, the other day? He fairly grovelled to the guide to pull him off. I actually thought he was going to cry!"

"Constance! my child—"

"There's no use talking, mama; I must go tomorrow. I want to get away and think. It's the only chance for him. Perhaps, if I can sit down in some solitude and count up his virtues, I may conclude to like him. But if you won't let me go, that ends it."

"But you know, dear, girls can't travel alone here as at home."

"An American girl can go anywhere. And besides, Uvetara is a mere hamlet in the hills, as simple and primitive as the garden of Eden. Regular tourists never go near it, so what is there to fear?"

"Well—if you must. We'll come on the first train after the bull-fight. It ought to get us there by six or seven."

"Half-past seven. I looked it up in the railway guide. You'll be in time for dinner."

Spanish trains have a way of starting at unearthly hours, and Constance was obliged to rise in the cool of a glorious morning to catch the south-bound accommodation. Jack dutifully, though in the sulks, attended her to the station, enlivening the way by growling at a girl who could prefer the backwoods to a bull-fight, till she was not sorry to wave him a final adieu from the coach window.

"Oh!" she thought, with a long, exquisite breath of relief, "how good it is to be alone once more! How tired to death I am of that man, with his precise little ways, his squeaky little voice, and his tape-measured compliments and approaches. Br-r! I hate a softly man. If I could see even one of those great swashing old freebooters of ancient times it would be a relief. And mama looks so pathetic, and Alicia so superior, and Jack so grinning and horrid—well, good-bye to it all for one day, at least."

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THE HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

By Frank Falvey

Among the paramount claims that Nebraska may put forth among her sister states, and in fact before the peoples of the world, is that Arbor Day originated within her boundaries and was the conception of one of her foremost and most honored citizens.

There is much evidence that many years before the late J. Sterling Morton, founder of Arbor Day, gave public expression to the beautiful and noble sentiments embraced in the official action which led to the legal enactments making this day a holiday in Nebraska devoted to the planting of trees, that the idea had long found lodgment in his far-seeing, fertile, and vigorous mind, as for many years before that historic day in which he presented the idea to the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture of Nebraska, he had assiduously practiced all the teachings of Arbor Day and had been for many years the foremost tree-planter and advocate of tree-planting in the then pioneer west.

On January 14th, 1872, at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, of which he was a member, the late J. Sterling Morton introduced a resolution providing that "Wednesday, the 10th day of April, 1872, be and the same is hereby set apart and consecrated for tree planting in the State of Nebraska, and the State Board of Agriculture hereby name it Arbor Day, and to urge upon the people of the state the vital importance of tree planting, hereby offer a special premium of one hundred dollars to the agricultural society of that county of Nebraska which shall upon that day plant properly the largest number of trees; and a farm library of twenty-five dollars' worth of books to that person who, on that day, shall plant properly in Nebraska the greatest number of trees." The resolution was unan-



A Characteristic American Elm

imously adopted. On the day specified in the resolution the people of Nebraska responded by planting more than one million trees, and again in 1873 an equally great number of trees planted.

Supplementing the State Board, Governor Furnas issued a proclamation March 31st, 1872, and in 1885 the legislature of Nebraska made the 22nd day of April, Mr. Morton's birthday, a holiday to be known as "Arbor Day." In furtherance of the objects of the day a provision was incorporated in the state constitution and numerous legal enactments made.

In the years that have followed, the sentiment of Arbor Day and the example of the Nebraska tree-planter have spread to every point of the compass, and today almost every state and territory in the Union and many places across the seas recognize in some official manner an Arbor Day at a proper and convenient season of the year, at which time the teachings of the great Nebraska tree-planter are carried into effect.

The value of this great work is apparent to every person; its total value is absolutely beyond estimation, and future generations alone will be able to compute the great philanthropy, the great benefit to the human race born in the germ of Arbor Day.

It may be fitting to recall the words of Mr. Morton on Arbor Day, 1894, when standing on the lawn of the great Department of Agriculture in Washington, of which he was Secretary, at the close of the tree planting exercises, when in his closing remarks he said: "So, every man, woman and child who plants trees shall be able to say, on coming, as I have come, toward the evening of life, in all sincerity and truth: 'If you seek my monument look around you.'"

The Ministry of Flowers and Plants

By Eben E. Rexford

THE love of flowers "grows by what it feeds on." Let the person who has never taken any particular interest in them begin their cultivation, and in a short time he becomes so fascinated with the delightful work that he wonders how he could so long have been blind to the pleasures of it. The man, woman or child who has a little bed of flowers this year, will, if successful with it, want several beds next season. The ultimate result is—a home surrounded by flowers—flowers here, there, everywhere.

Such a change means much more to a family than a mere passing enjoyment of the beauty and brightness of the flower. It means education, and culture, and refinement. It means a larger, keener appreciation of beauty in all its phases. It means a great many things that I need not mention here, but which those who grow flowers will speedily find out, when this pleasant task is undertaken.

Much has been said about flowers as safe companions for children. I know of one instance in which the cultivation of flowers wrought a complete transformation in a lad of ten. He had a "hard" reputation in the neighborhood. Careful mothers did not like to have their boys keep company with him. He was given some flower-roots one spring, and he became a gardener on a small scale. He took so much interest in his plants that flower-loving people began to take an



healthy, happy women. "I thank God for my garden," one of them wrote me, not long since. "It has made me feel that life is worth living, after all. I think the time will come when I shall pretty nearly live out of doors. I never fully realized what I was losing in life until I began to grow flowers, and got out among the birds, and the sunshine, and the green things growing. Though I spend a good deal of time in gardenwork, I do more housework than ever before, and I do it easily, for, while I am about it I am thinking of my flowers, and am really out of doors so far as the mental mood goes. Again I say, Thank God for my garden."

Tired, nerve tormented women, let me urge you to take a "course of treatment" in the garden sanitarium this season.

Arbor Day

This month brings Arbor Day. I am glad to know of its almost universal observance among our schools. It is a new departure in the right direction. Too long our school-grounds have been neglected. We have had good reason to be ashamed of them. I hold that every schoolhouse in the land ought to be surrounded by flowers, and shrubs, and trees, and that the children ought to be trained to set out and care for these things. By making them partners in the work of beautifying the school grounds, we arouse an enthusiasm on their part which will result for more satisfactorily than hiring a landscape gardener to do the work for us. Give them to understand that we know they can do this work, and that we trust and expect them to undertake it and carry it forward, year by year, and they will not disappoint us. Children appreciate responsibilities, and rise to them nobly.

Why not give to the celebration of Arbor Day a sort of patriotic flavor by making use of native shrubs for the plantings made each season? We have shrubs growing all about us quite as beautiful as those that come to us from foreign lands. Why not use these in preference to them, then? By doing so, we work up an interest on the part of the children in our native plants, and we stimulate a pride in the productions of the home land. "Home first, the world afterward" is a good motto to use in this connection.

If native plants are to be made use of, send the children into the woods and fields on Arbor Day morning, to search for material with which to make the school-grounds attractive. Give them to understand that large specimens are not wanted. Rather, specimens of medium size, with perfect roots. If possible, have some of the soil in which they have been growing brought with them. Instruct them to keep the plant's roots well covered with damp moss. Tell them to select such shrubs as the elder, wild roses, dogwood, shadbush, sumach, and clethra. And such herbaceous plants as solidago, vervain, veronica, meadow sweet, lilies, asters, helianthus, and asclepias. Among desirable vines are the ampelopsis, the bittersweet, and the clematis.

Probably not all these plants can be found in one locality. But there will generally be others to take the places of those conspicuous by their absence. It does not matter so much what they get as the condition in which they get it. Very ordinary plants will develop into pleasing ones under good cultivation, but, in order to make a success of their removal from their native habitat great care must be taken with them. Pull or dig them up carelessly, expose their roots to air and sunshine and plant them hur-

riedly, and most of them will die. Insist that the children go in for good, honest work, and give them to understand that a plant is a living organism that is entitled to as much respect as a person is. Encourage careful, conscientious work. Impress them with the fact that tree, and shrub and plant is each a book from which they are to learn helpful lessons in the love of Nature, and make them feel that it is just as wrong to learn these lessons poorly as it is to neglect the books of the schools.

While the school-grounds are receiving attention, I would urge that something be done toward making the schoolrooms attractive. Fill the windows with growing plants, from which the children will absorb, without being conscious of it, a most delightful knowledge of Nature's way of doing things. Don't make a careless selection of plants for this purpose, however. Not everything will grow there. Try such plants as the aspidistra, with its luxuriant foliage, and its strange flowers, burrowing down into the soil at the base of its leaves. And the geranium, always cheerful, always adaptable to conditions, and always willing to do its best if given half a chance. Give asparagus sprengeri a north window to beautify, and put a petunia in the sunniest one, or a nasturtium. The Boston fern will flourish in the schoolroom if kept well watered. So will the ficus, and the agave. Moneywort, and lysimachia, and othonna are excellent for hanging baskets. Success with them is assured from the start provided they are never allowed to get dry at the roots. Make it a rule to water them daily. The best vine for schoolroom use is the English ivy, because its thick, leathery leaves are not susceptible to the effect of dry air and dust. It is a good plan to plant seeds of peas, and beans, and squashes, and let the children make use of them as object lessons, in their development. The seedlings from them will be short-lived, but they will live long enough to tell some wonderful things about the beginnings of plant growth. Who knows but another James Vick may not be in your schoolroom, and that the plants in the window may not be the means of turning his feet into the paths marked out for him?

Seasonable Suggestions

Don't be in too great a hurry about gardening operations. That is, don't let your enthusiasm induce you to get the start of the season. Be governed largely by the weather. "One swallow doesn't make a summer," neither does one warm day mean settled weather. "Haste often makes waste," to quote another pertinent old saying. A garden made before all conditions are favorable generally has to be made over. Putting good seed into the ground early in the season doesn't insure a good crop. Observation proves to us, each season—that is, if we observe—that plants from seed sown before the ground is warm are almost always later in development than those planted after all conditions are favorable to a vigorous and uninterrupted growth.

Generally there will be considerable to do among the shrubs. Some will need removal. New ones will have to be set. Old ones will have to be pruned. Do this work as early in the season as it can be done well.

Get ready for active work on the lawn. Clean, and oil, and sharpen the mower. Poor tools mean poor work. Apply a good top dressing of some good fertilizer to the sward and be generous with it. Because grass will grow where other plants will starve to death

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The Tree Planting

interest in him, and after a little they discovered that he was not such a very bad boy, after all. They saw great possibilities for good in him, and encouraged him in the work he had begun because they believed it would help him to make something of himself. And it did. He has become a boy that any mother may feel perfectly safe to trust her boys with. He finds in the garden that which interests him more than running the streets and spending his time with bad companions, and he is never tired of trying to get others to share this newly aroused interest. Last fall he took several prizes at the fair, and he announces with commendable pride that his premiums will enable him to have "just a boss garden" this season. He has begun to read about flowers, and once in a while he writes me, asking questions which go to show that he is in dead earnest, and is "thinking out things" for himself. Now what flowers have done for this boy they will do for other boys, if given the chance. Get the flower and the boy together and encourage a friendship between them and a foundation is laid for future good along more than one of the lines of life.

I want to urge women "with nerves" to take up gardening as a "treatment." Many housewives live an almost prison life. They spend their time in the kitchen from one year's end to another, shut away from pleasant sights and sounds, and fresh air and sunshine. If we can succeed in getting such women into the garden for half an hour a day, throughout the summer, we can make new creatures of them. Work among flowers, where the air is pure and sweet, sunshine is a tonic, and companionship is cheerful, will lift them out of their work and worry, and body and mind will grow stronger, and new life, new health, new energy, will come to them. The cares and vexations that made existence a burden because of the nervous strain resulting from them will take wings and fly away.

I believe garden work the best of all medicines for overtaxed nerves. It makes worn-out women over into



School Garden, Petgola and Summer House

THE FOREST QUESTION

By THOMAS ELMER WILL

THIS is an age of questions: scientific, literary, social, economic, race and ethical. How many realize that there is a forest question? Well, there is, and it is a big question at that. President Roosevelt has declared that the question of conserving our natural resources is the greatest issue now before the people. To consider it, he has called a great "Assembly of Notables." It will consist of governors, congressmen, judges and distinguished citizens from all over the United States. It will meet in the White House, May 13 to 15, next, and the nation, if not the world, will await with deepest interest its conclusions.

But among these resources one of the most important is the forest. Wood is essential to civilized life. Our annual wood bill exceeds a billion dollars. In addition, we are wantonly, foolishly, criminally, permitting the burning each year of \$50,000,000 worth of standing timber covering an area of 15,000,000 acres. The wood famine is coming in seven-league boots. It is due in twenty or thirty years. Its shadow is already upon the land. But the wood question is only a part of the forest question. It is the keystone to a great arch of questions. Most of these other questions are connected directly with that of water.

It goes without saying that, for domestic use, good, clean water is indispensable. For the most part, it must come from our rivers and lakes. These are a part of a great system of which the forest is an essential element.

Harvey discovered that the blood circulates in the human body according to a system. We now know that the waters of the earth likewise circulate in accordance with a system. By evaporation they are raised from the ocean; winds carry them to the land in the form of clouds; cold condenses the clouds, squeezing out the water as one might squeeze it from a sponge; it drops upon the land, enters rivulets and rills, which pour into rivers, whose waters finally enter the great ocean. Thus the circuit is completed. Blood circulation may be deranged to the vast detriment of physical health. Water circulation may be deranged, to the vast detriment of economic health. If the water falling on mountains and hills passes gradually into the streams, all is well. If it enters them tumultuously, all is ill. How may the stream flow be regulated?

Forests on slopes are a great regulator. The litter covering the forest floor catches water, passes it slowly into the earth and emits it gradually from the underground circulation into springs. Forests are the great balance-wheel of our circulatory system. But let the forests be cut and the ground burned over; then rain, falling upon the slopes, frequently rushes headlong as from a house-roof directly into the streams, filling them to bursting. Again, water thus precipitated carries with it soil, sand, gravel, debris in general, largely filling the channels of the streams. Thus for two reasons rivers overflow.

Floods are an appalling menace to human well being. They tend to derange the water supply, above mentioned. They destroy fertile farms, industries and homes. Our annual flood damage in the United States exceeds \$100,000,000. A billion dollars' worth of fertile soil is swept annually into the ocean. This would build a block one mile square and over 1,000 feet high. It would fertilize the two tiers of Atlantic Coast States from Maine to the Virginia-North Carolina line, plus the Carolinas and one-third of Georgia. By such erosion, the Hoang-Ho has spread out a delta as large as the combined areas of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

These floods, again, destroy water powers of priceless value, derange our inland navigation system, fill up vast areas of fertile land with water producing miasmatic marshes, bayous and swamps, which breed mosquitoes and disseminate disease. Again, the great irrigation system, by which the Western desert is being redeemed, is dependent upon streams which, in turn, are dependent upon forests.

To save all these great, material interests, and more, we must save our forests. But other interests, more important than the material, are involved. Among these should be mentioned the public health. Economic currents annually bear an increasing percentage of our population to the great cities. For a portion of the year at least this tide should be turned. Increasing numbers should be enabled to spend at least a portion of the summer in the forests, by the streams, and on the mountains, where they can rest their tired nerves, recuperate their failing strength, come into contact with the great heart of nature, and learn lessons of the meaning of life which can never be learned on asphalt pavements and between lofty brickwalls.

But if the forests are destroyed and the mountain



slopes burned over and turned into deserts, as is being done today in the White Mountains, what will remain to make such excursions worth while? What is the remedy? For the most part, public ownership and administration of forests, especially those strategically located, as on mountain slopes and at great river sources.

On March 3, 1891, was passed the law authorizing the President to establish National Forests on the public domain. President Harrison began the work shortly after in the Yellowstone. Presidents Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt, during their administrations, have intelligently followed this wise policy and have extended the National Forest area until it covers 164,963,555 acres, or 275,755 square miles—an area equal to that of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the two Virginias. On this area the government is solving the forest problem. It has practically abolished fire; it permits cutting under careful regulation; it is replanting vast areas. Forests are aiding materially in the regulation of stream flow, in flood prevention, power protection, the prevention of erosion, the safe-guarding of navigation, and in the serving of other beneficent ends contemplated by the practical application of forestry.

But today, all our National forests are in the West, almost all beyond the rooth meridian. In the East and South they are needed even worse than in the West, for in these two sections, population swarms and industry has attained a magnitude unknown in the far West. National Forests are imperatively needed in the mountains of the East and South; namely, in the White and Southern Appalachians.

To get National Forests here, however, requires something more than Presidential proclamations. Congress must act, appropriating money and authorizing the purchase of lands now in private hands. This brings us to the Appalachian Bill. The Appalachian forest movement started in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1899. Secretary, now Mr. Justice Day, then at Asheville, suggested it to Dr. C. P. Ambler. On November 22, 1899, the Appalachian National Park Association was organized at Asheville. Then followed an energetic, unrelenting, heroic campaign by that Association, resulting, in four years, in legislation in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia ceding to the National Government the right to acquire title to lands desired for forest reserves and in the passage of the Appalachian Bill by the Senate of the United States and its favorable report by the House Committee on Agriculture. In 1903 a bill was introduced into the United States Senate for the establishment of a White Mountain Forest reserve. Later, these were combined into the Appalachian-White Mountain Bill, now the chief object of interest to every friend of forestry.

This joint bill unanimously passed the Senate of the 59th Congress, was unanimously recommended for passage by the House Committee on Agriculture, and was energetically and repeatedly urged by the President. That it is not today on the statute books is understood to be due primarily to the obstructive tactics of the Speaker, who has recently, at the banquet of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association in Washington, poured ridicule and scorn upon the whole question of conserving through Federal legislation our natural resources, including our forests.

The Appalachian campaign has unified the forestry workers of America and has caused them to know each other and to learn, in a measure, the lesson of co-operation. Focusing their interests and energies on

this great question we find a multitude of business organizations, municipal, state and national—boards of trade, chambers of commerce, manufacturers' associations, irrigation congresses, agricultural societies and the like. With these are working a group of State Forestry Associations, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Appalachian National Forest Association, the American Civic Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of State University Presidents and, notably, the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The American Forestry Association, organized in 1882, maintaining a well equipped office in Washington, publishing a magazine, and having a dues-paying membership of over 6,600, may also be mentioned.

It is hoped that the readers of Vick's Magazine who may not hitherto have been interested in this great question may judge, from this sketch, something of its importance. The U. S. Forest Service at Washington is the great factory of literature and the great administrative center of practical forestry in this country. Those interested should get into touch with it.

Again, they should organize the movement in their communities. They should get into communication with the American Forestry Association; they should familiarize themselves with the Appalachian Bill and should write their Congressmen urging its immediate enactment. Thus they can render, at this time, one of the greatest possible services to this most hopeful and important movement.

Looking at Both Sides

The good wife bustled about the house,
Her face still bright with a pleasant smile,
As broken snatches of happy song
Strengthened her heart and her hands the while,
The good man sat in the chimney nook,
His little clay pipe within his lips,
And all he'd made and all he had lost,
Ready and clear on his finger tips.

"Good wife, I've just been thinking a bit,
Nothing has done very good this year,
Money is bound to be hard to get;
Everything is sure to be very dear.
How the cattle are going to feed,
How we're to keep the boys at school,
Is a kind of debit and credit sum
I can't make balance by any rule."

She turned her around from the baking bread,
And she faced him there with a cheerful laugh;
"Why, husband, dear, one would really think
That the good rich wheat was only chaff."
And what if wheat is only chaff,
So long as we both are well and strong?
I'm not a woman to worry a bit—
But—somehow or other we get along.

"For thirty years we have loved each other,
Stood by each other whatever befell,
Six boys have called us 'father' and 'mother,'
And all of them living and doing well.
We owe no man a penny, my dear,
And both of us loving and well and strong;
Good man, I wish you would smoke again,
And think how well we've got along."

He filled his pipe with a pleasant laugh,
He kissed his wife with a tender pride;
He said: "I'll do as you tell me, love,
I'll just count up on the other side."
She left him then with his better thought,
And lifted her work with a low, sweet song,
A song that's followed me many a year—
"Somehow or other we get along!" —Anon.

Resolve

Build on resolve, and not upon regret,
The structure of the future. Do not grope
Among the shadows of old sins, but let
Thine own soul's light shine on the path of hope
And dissipate the darkness. Waste no tears
Upon the blotted record of lost years,
But turn the leaf and smile, oh, smile to see
The fair white pages that remain for thee.

Prate not of thy repentance. But believe
That spark divine dwells in thee. Let it grow.
That which the upreaching spirit can achieve
The grand and all creative forces know.
They will assist and strengthen as the light
Lifts up the acorn to the oak tree's height.
Thou hast but to resolve, and, lo! God's whole
Great universe shall fortify thy soul.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Iron Horse—The Black Giant of Commerce

THE BUILDER OF EMPIRE, THE GREAT CIVILIZER

By J. B. Coursen

EASILY, the greatest century in the World's history, so far as material and industrial development is concerned, is that whose first years witnessed the invention of the steam locomotive, and whose last year is now only a few years back. In this greatest and most wondrous of all the centuries of which history gives us record, no other one factor has contributed so much to the making of that century truly great as has the Iron Horse, the Black Giant of Commerce. Truly has this modern Titan been the great empire builder of this greatest century, and withal, a mighty civilizer. Where today is there a continent on the face of the earth whose plains he has not traversed, whose valleys he has not threaded, whose mountains he has not pierced, and whose wildernesses he has not made to "blossom as the rose?" He has welded the nations together with bands of steel; he has laid down his own courses and actually hauled civilization by the train load from land to land and from sea to sea; he has made thousands and thousands of happy homes to spring up as if by magic in every clime where his blazing torches are seen; he has founded towns, villages, cities, and great metropolises, where before his coming were only desert wastes; he has created states; he has built empires; he has made civilization.

While the Iron Horse has accomplished wonders in South America, in Australia, in Asia, in Africa, and in Europe, it is in the United States where his most marvelous achievements have been accomplished, and it is in the great Northwest of the American Republic—that vast and mighty empire extending from Lakes Michigan and Superior, and from Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth as radiating points—that he has made his greatest conquests and imprinted upon the very earth itself the record of his most notable triumphs. In the outworking of these conquests and the recording of these triumphs no other great railway company has borne a more conspicuous or more honorable part than has the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, which has done so much in developing the agricultural and industrial resources of the great states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, South and North Dakota, and other states, and is now, with unprecedented energy, rushing its lines on across the prairies, and through the giant western forests, and over the mountains to the Golden Pacific. When this last herculean task is completed a short time hence, this company will be the first and only railway to have its own continuous line from Chicago on Lake Michigan's shore through to tide-water on the north Pacific coast.

The true significance of this gigantic undertaking may be better appreciated when the fact is stated that the total cost of building this new trans-continental line will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, and the further fact, that during the past twelve months two cubic yards of earth have been moved in the building of this road for every one moved in the construction of the Panama Canal. Another interesting fact in this connection is that the work on this great enterprise was not halted one whit on account of last autumn's financial flurry, but instead was pushed with increased vigor, the new line being extended westward at the rate of five miles a day. The entire stretch of the new road from the Missouri River to Butte, over 500 miles of which are in Montana, is now completed to Lombard, ninety-two miles east of Butte. It is expected that rails will be laid into the last named place early in the summer.



The building of a new railway line through a sparsely settled country where there are excellent opportunities for success in farming, cattle raising, and mercantile work, has invariably been followed by an influx of settlers. Wherever a new line has been constructed, the people at large have been greatly benefited

by being brought nearer to the markets. Similar conditions will result in the territory along the Missouri, Little Missouri, Yellowstone, and Musselshell rivers in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, and also along the new line in the states of Idaho and Washington.

People, not a few, living in the East, conceive the state of Montana to consist of but little other than mining camps, mountains, and dry and desert wastes. For the benefit of such the accompanying view of a Montana harvest scene is herewith presented. The following word picture of the same region by an Easterner who recently visited this section is also presented:

"I spent several days in and about Lewistown, as the Judith Basin in which the town is situated is considered the greatest country in Montana for dry-farming. It was wonderful! Simply wonderful! The first day I drove with Mr. G. W. Cook for fifteen miles through the farming country and I never before saw such wheat fields. Mr. Cook pointed with his whip to right and left, and left and right, with the succinct remark:

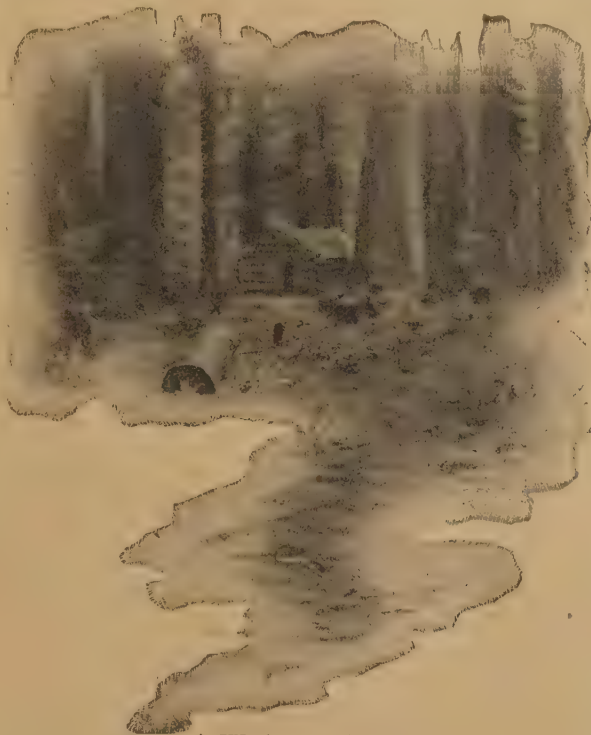
"Forty bushels * * * Forty bushels * * *

Forty bushels.' I did not doubt it in the least. The grain was as thick as it could grow and the heads were extraordinarily big and heavy. Fifty bushels to the acre is not uncommon. The grade was No. 1 Hard, a fine milling wheat that sold last year at \$1.25 per cwt. That land sold for from ten to twenty-five dollars an acre, averaging about fifteen dollars. I was told that there were areas of land as good as that that were still raw prairie or 'bench land,' as they call it. South and east of the railroad the country has been settled up for several years. North and west most of the land has been homesteaded for one or two years and is developing rapidly. Last year 74,000 acres in Fergus County were homesteaded. But there is still good land open. Fergus County has a population of 12,000 and could easily support 500,000.

It is a great opportunity for the eastern farmer."

The traveler just quoted tells of farm land in Idaho, homesteaded only a few years ago, which is now held by its fortunate owners at from \$100 to \$150 an acre, for the sufficient reason that it is now earning splendid dividends upon such a valuation. Located near these are thousands of acres still open to homesteaders, which will, in a few short years, bound into high values when the new St. Paul Pacific extension brings these lands in touch with the great eastern markets. Another traveler writing under date of March 28th, says: "Nowhere in the United States under like conditions, upon a solid area of plowable black loam, in a like space of time, will so vast a number of homesteaders be accommodated, yet I dare say first hand, having just finished a drive of 300 miles or more along the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway in the heart of northern Montana, that there remain within five to twenty miles of this new line to the Pacific coast thousands of homesteads well worth your while to look at and which will be occupied within the coming twelve months." Not only in Idaho but also in the Pennsylvania of the West, Washington, are most wonderful openings for the farmer, the lumberman, and fruit-grower. In the vicinity of Ellensburg are thousands of acres of irrigated land in a high state of cultivation and productivity. There are 50,000 acres of irrigated and sub-irrigated land that will be tributary to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, as well as 80,000 acres that can easily be irrigated,—land that has already demonstrated that it can raise fruit of a size, color, and quality similar to that grown at Wenatchee and North Yakima, where some of the best orchards have sold as high as \$1,500 per acre. In the Yakima district apple crops on a single acre often yield from \$500 to \$600. But if the easterner looking to this great region does not desire to engage in agriculture, he can find ample opportunities for successful endeavor in other lines of business in the prosperous cities along the new line. Among these may be mentioned Missoula, Lewiston, Butte, Tekoa, Ellensburg, Tacoma, and Seattle, in the last of which will be held next year the great Alaska-Pacific-Yukon Exposition.

Surely, the great region through which the Pacific extension of the St. Paul road is being rapidly built, is a land of promise; not only this but a land of rich fulfillment—a land where those looking for a new chance in life, looking for a prosperity denied them in older communities, looking for the open door to success, can find for themselves, spelled out in bright, big capital letters, OPPORTUNITY.



A Washington Forest



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PULPIT TALKS ON LOVE, COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE, HOME

By Rev. Charles Edward Odell



IF EVER subjects needed fearless, candid, wholesome discussion, the subjects chosen for this series of pulpit talks most certainly do. Both pulpit and pew have too long left the discussion of love, courtship, marriage, and home to the inspiration and teaching of the stage, which abounds in over-sentimental sweethearts, suitors, betrothals, and marriages, which give young persons almost anything but the highest, purest, and noblest ideas of these most sacred affairs. These subjects also find treatment in the soft, love-sick, romantic novel, which is often over-full of wooings, love-scenes, and tragic plots, which are untrue to our highest instincts and at times most vile in their influence.

Then, too, modern society often throws the weight of its influence on the side of the sentimental and the silly view of this very serious subject. As soon as a young man begins to pay the slightest attention to a young lady there are winks, grins, and gossip. Today the sacred ceremony and relation of marriage is looked upon as a huge joke. Scarcely do the words, "whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," fall from the lips of the minister, before pandemonium breaks loose. The newly married couple are subjected to the most cruel jokes and pranks imaginable. They are showered with rice, pelted with old shoes, their carriage is decorated with banners and placards which bear inscriptions that are often an offense and an insult. They are followed to the depot and among strangers with yells and other demonstrations that are very embarrassing.

Is it any wonder that there are so many strange and lax ideas concerning these sacred affairs? Is it to be wondered at that there are so many unhappy alliances, so many unhappy homes, so many divorces and so many forsaken children, many of whom are both unnamed and unloved?

It is my purpose, in these pulpit talks, to take these sacred subjects out of the realm of silliness and sentimentality and make an honest effort to place them in the realm of sense, giving them a moral and spiritual tone that will enable young people to see their real significance and importance. I cannot but feel that Protestant churches and ministers give these affairs of surpassing importance far too little attention in their teaching, and that we should profit by the wholesome example of the Catholic church along this line, and seek to instruct and impress our young people with their sanctity.

Next in sacredness to the love of God, is the love of pure men and women; next to the sacredness of the altar where men and women give themselves to God and His service, is the sacredness of the altar where they plight their love each to the other; next to the sacredness of the house of God, where men and women are born from above and trained for life, is the sacredness of the home where sons and daughters are born and trained for lives of usefulness and honor. How sacred ought these things be to us!

We find in the Old and the New Testaments, breaking through as a ripple of light on the surface of the greater depths of divine teaching, God's intention and provision in the establishment and perpetuity of the family. And while in the Old Testament the personal element of love lies mostly in the background, as the truth of individualism in general waited for complete recognition in the life and teaching of Jesus, yet the passionate, faithful, tireless love of Jacob for Laban's younger daughter furnishes the text for one of the most beautiful romances of ancient times.

Jacob's love for Rachel is sufficient explanation of the fourteen years of service which he rendered unto Laban for her. No marriage is heaven-made, heaven-sent, or heaven-sanctioned which does not find its source in supreme love.

Alas! how many marry from some less worthy motive. Some for a home; others to escape uncongenial surroundings;

others for position; others for baser reasons still. All these sin against one another and against themselves. No two should marry unless each feels that life, without the other, would be unhappy and a failure. Less than this will never suffice, especially in times of great sorrow and trial. If one loves and not the other, there cannot be true happiness. If there is no reciprocity, no mutual satisfaction, the deepest love will decline and die. To give without receiving is to run to waste; to take without giving is to harden the heart, till it becomes ice and there is no bond of sympathy, no union of purpose, and life itself is worse than death.

If there be true love, life, though spent in poverty and in a hovel, is man's paradise here below. A Christian minister was called into a home of great destitution. There was the husband out of employment, the wife and children without bread, and not one of the comforts of home. Everything indicated want and struggle. The minister said to this young man: "Your mistake was in marrying so early. Do you not see now that that was the mistake of your life?" The young man had been told that before. The minister continued, "It would have been better for you to have gone on and gotten something of a property before you entered into the marriage state. Don't you see that it would have been better?" And then the young man looked around, his eyes filled with tears as he looked at his poorly clad wife, and he said, quietly, but firmly, "No, sir, she has been the same to me all the way through."

Ah, yes, that is love. You will need that kind of love during many of the emergencies of life. There may come a time when in poverty and trial you will need the inspiration of such a pure, holy love. You may some day be called to stand by a small white casket that contains one of the precious jewels of your home, torn from mother's breast and from both your hearts, by the ruthless hand of death. O, the comfort, the peace and resignation, when you can look into each other's face, then together up to God, having the full assurance and comfort of both divine and human love. Such love is holy. You have no right to excite or play with such love unless you are fully prepared to satisfy it with love equally pure and strong; you have no right to give that love away until you discover love as pure and trustful in return.

Parents ought not to lightly consider the love affairs of their sons and daughters. Fathers are very often too reluctant to talk these things over with their sons. They fail to tell them of the instructive passages of their own lives and experiences, and to instruct and inspire them with pure motives and high ideals. What a sacred duty is intrusted to mothers in the instruction and training of their daughters for the highest and most holy relations—wifehood and motherhood. There is a false modesty which forbids the mother to talk frankly and freely with her daughter concerning the things she ought to know that she may be intelligently fitted for these most sacred duties of life. Many a poor girl has bartered away her love, her honor, and sometimes her life, through ignorance concerning the physical, moral, and social relations which the marriage state involves.

It is the most sacred duty of parents to illuminate the minds and direct the affections of their sons and daughters in the way of purity, honor, and love, as it is to educate them in any of the more popular branches of learning. Parents very often toil, early and late, that they might give their children such advantages as will broaden and deepen their lives intellectually, giving them a culture, a grace, a finish that will admit them into the higher social life of the town or city, but utterly disregard the duty of instructing and leading them in the right understanding of these affairs, which bear such important relation to the home and the family. They are left to drift



on, getting their first instruction from now and then a bit of gossip or the confidential talk of some young friend with impure and unchaste ideas concerning these things.

Mothers, I entreat you, look more to this kind of training of your daughters than you look upon the question of dress, social accomplishments, or family prestige. Do not teach your daughters that the only rating of a young man is in his bank account, his family line, his social conquests, but teach them to regard first and always the question of his real manhood and moral worth. When we give to our sons and daughters a right and pure ideal of life, we do far more for them than were we to leave them thousands, yea, millions of dollars to spend in prodigality and shame.

Fathers, see to it that your sons never see or hear through you any word or act that would lower their ideas of womanhood, but ever seek to fill and inspire their minds with all the sweet memories of childhood, all the early impressions of the beauty and sacredness of womanhood that cluster about mother, and you will be far better able to teach them purity of life and true manhood than by sending them away from home to "see the world."

Christian marriage is not a foolhardy step, not a trifling matter, not a mere speculation, not a lottery. It is the leading and blending of two lives into one, by the inspiration of deep, pure, holy love.

I have in mind an aged man who looks back to a crisis in his life when his fortune was swept away and reason almost left the throne. He was lost to know what to do. He now oft recalls a particular evening when he went home from his business. He scarcely dared break the news to his wife. He could not bear to tell her that he had lost everything, suspended business, and stopped payment. He went into the house and closed the door upon the world, and in the joyous haven of home had a foretaste of heaven, where panics never come. What a help he found in that wife. She stood by him through it all, she was ever sympathetic, hopeful, helpful, and cheerful withal. After the piano had gone she could sing without accompaniment just as sweetly, if not more so, than when she had it. There are thousands of true, pure, sweet, women throughout this country of ours who can get as much good music out of love sanctified and made strong through affliction, as ever they could from a Chickering Grand or a Steinway.

Home Builders

By Fannie Sprague Talbot

There are those who build up mansions,
And furnish them throughout;
There are those who build up palaces,
With lofty walls and stout;
There are those who build up temples
With high and lofty domes;
But not all of these are building
Those precious things called Homes.
Yet it is the happy privilege
Of all folk, far and wide,
To turn a cot or palace
Into something else beside,
Whence all within its sacred sphere
Reluctantly do roam—
A place of love and beauty, too,
A perfect kingdom—Home.

How I Took My Wrinkles Out

After Facial Massage, Creams and Beauty Doctors Had Failed

BY HARRIETT META

Trouble, worry and ill health brought me deep lines and wrinkles. I realized that they not only greatly marred my appearance and made me look much older, but that they would greatly interfere with my success, because a woman's success, either socially or financially, depends very largely on her appearance. The homely woman, with deep lines and furrows in her face must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister.

I therefore bought various brands of cold cream and skin foods and massaged my face with most constant regularity, hoping to regain my former appearance. But the wrinkles simply would not go. On the contrary, they seemed to get deeper. Next I went to a beauty specialist, who told me she could easily rid me of my wrinkles. I paid my money and took the treatment. Sometimes I thought they got less, but after spending all the money I could afford for such treatment, I found I still had my wrinkles. So I gave up in despair and concluded I must carry them to my grave. One day a friend of mine who was versed in chemistry made a suggestion, and this gave me a new idea. I immediately went to work making experiments and studying everything I could get hold of on this subject. After several long months of almost numberless trials and discouragements, I finally discovered a process which produced most astounding results on my wrinkles in a single night. I was delighted beyond expression. I tried my treatment again, and, lo and behold! my wrinkles were practically gone. A third treatment—three nights in all—and I had no wrinkles and my face was as smooth as ever. I next offered my treatment to some of my immediate friends, who used it with surprising results, and I have now decided to offer it to the public. Miss Gladys Desmond, of Pittsburg, Pa., writes that it made her wrinkles disappear in one night. Mrs. James Bars, of Central City, S. D., writes as follows: "My face has become fuller, the flesh firmer, and my eyes brighter; all of which is due to your marvelous treatment. The change is so great that it seems to be more a work of magic." I will send further particulars to anyone who is interested, absolutely free of charge. I use no cream, facial massage, face-steamers or so-called skin foods; there is nothing to inject and nothing to injure the skin. It is an entirely new discovery of my own and so simple that you can use it without the knowledge of your most intimate friends. You apply the treatment at night and go to bed. In the morning, lo! the wonderful transformation. People often write me, "It sounds too good to be true." Well, the test will tell. If interested in my discovery, please address Harriett Meta, Suite 171, Syracuse, N. Y., and I will send full particulars.

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FASHION NOTES

Among the many waists for the young girls this season is one here illustrated, No. 2353, which will be very neat and serviceable yet dressy.

It may be worn for boating, playing tennis or for walking and many other sports that young girls take pleasure in. The one here portrayed was developed in heavy white linen, and the shaped tucks which extend from the neck to the

back are heavily stitched. A narrow box-plaited closing ornaments the front and the sleeves are put into the wide kimona armholes without any gathers. The turn-down collar and straight cuffs are bound with colored linen and if desired the sleeve may be made full length by the addition of long shaped cuffs of the linen. For a Miss of 15 years, the shirt-waist requires 2 yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern 2353 comes in sizes 13, 15 and 17 years.

This jaunty shirt-waist No. 2360, made on strictly tailor-made lines, is developed in heavy white linen. Four small tucks on either shoulder, stitched nearly to the bust line, and the long tuck either side of the centre closing gives ample fullness to the front. The back has a box-plait, formed by two outward-turning tucks, and the three-quarter length sleeves are the very newest shape. A neck and front band in one, through which is slipped a small tie of embroidered edging, completes the front, and if desired a removable chemisette of the linen or embroidery may be worn by those not liking the round neck effect. The model would develop well in any of the season's shirtings. For 36 bust it requires 2 yards of material 36 inches wide, with $\frac{3}{8}$ yard 36 to 42 inches wide extra for chemisette and $\frac{3}{8}$ yard of edging 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide to trim. The pattern 2360 comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure.

Black-and-white dotted batiste has been made into this pretty waist No. 2346, which is most simple in construction and becoming when worn. The fullness of the front distributed in a group of narrow tucks stretched from shoulder to waistline and a wide tuck over the shoulder stitched to nearly the bust line. On either side of the group of narrow tucks are bands of cream-colored insertion pointed at the lower edge, and jabot of cream-colored batiste,

finished with a narrow edging matching the insertion, ornaments the centre front. A group of narrow tucks is seen at the centre-back, where the waist closes, and the collar and cuffs of the three-quarter length sleeves are of the material, the former being trimmed with the insertion and the latter being tucked and finished with the edging. For 36 bust the waist 2346 requires 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of material 36 inches wide, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard batiste 36 inches wide for jabot, $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of insertion and $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of edging to trim. The pattern comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust measure.

Nothing is more serviceable for a child or growing girl than one of these pretty little dresses as No. 2330 worn over bloomers of the same or contrasting material.

Golden brown and cream-colored checked chambray has been used for the simple one illustrated here, and the shield, belt, cuffs, pocket and bloomers are of natural-colored linen, stitched with brown. The little dress is cut in a deep V in the front, and fastens with flat brown buttons. The full bloomers are gathered to a waist-band which should be worked with buttonholes, so they may be fastened to the linen underwaist which all children wear. They are gathered into narrow bands at the knees, or else finished with a casing run with an elastic. This style of dress is most saving of the laundry bills, besides affording the child perfect freedom and being far cooler than the old time petticoats. For a child of 6 years the pattern No. 2330 requires 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of material 36 inches wide as illustrated, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of contrasting material 36 inches wide; the bloomers need 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards 36 inches wide. The pattern comes in sizes 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years.

A dull shade of old rose mercerized poplin has been used for this charming frock, No. 2350. The front is made with a princess panel, formed by wide tucks, stitched for considerable depth below the waistline, and these tucks are only seen in the waist portion at the back, sides of the skirt being without either plaits or fullness over the hips, and closing under an inverted box-plait at the centre. The sides of the waist and the flowing sleeves, as well as the V neck, are trimmed with inserting and edging of coffee-colored fillet lace. A band of the same lace is set on the skirt a few inches above the narrow bias folds, and the belt is of the same insertion. For 36 bust the pattern No. 2350 requires 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of material 36 inches wide, $\frac{7}{8}$ yard 36 inches wide, extra, for bias band, $\frac{7}{8}$ yards of applique trimming, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of fillet insertion and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of edging to trim. Width of lower edge, about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards. The pattern comes in sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

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Knowing that the homely woman with deep lines and furrows must fight an unequal battle with her younger and better looking sister, many resorted to annoying and even dangerous experiments trying to regain their former youthful appearance. This new discovery, however, will do away with all these rash measures, as the treatment is harmless and simple. It is said that aside from banishing wrinkles in from one to three nights it is a great aid to beauty, making the skin soft and velvety and beautifying the complexion. Many who have followed Miss Ellison's advice look from five to twenty years younger, and, judging by the number of replies she is receiving daily, people are not slow at taking advantage of her generous offer.

It comes as a surprise that the discovery should be made by a modest little woman in Scranton when our large cities are full of beauty doctors and specialists who have sought in vain for a treatment that would turn back the clock of time and place the imprint of youth on the fast-fleeting footsteps of age, but far more surprising is the fact that she is to remain where she is.

In speaking of her discovery she, said: "Yes I know there would be many advantages in my going to some of the large cities, but I have made arrangements to give particulars of my treatment free to all who write me, so that the women in every city and town may have the benefits of my discovery."

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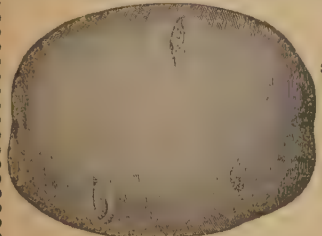
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HUMAN WELFARE

State Superintendents Heartily Approve Vick's Campaign for the Common Good and Pledge Support

Last month, under "Sunshine and Welfare," more than a score of the nation's greatest, best and noblest men and women sent to Vick's Magazine two pages of cordial Sunshine greeting and generous endorsement of the Human Welfare policy of this publication. This month a goodly number of the progressive and up-to-date State Superintendents of the country have responded to brief questions sent out by the editor asking what educators may do most effectually to advance the three splendid causes of Forestry, Good Roads, and The School Beautiful. Their replies follow, and will be found of intense interest and replete with many happy, helpful suggestions.

Superintendent Arch. D. Cook, Wyoming

To lead the way in the promotion of the good causes of Forestry, Good Roads and the School Beautiful I would recommend that teachers give occasional talks and lectures, and hold classes on these subjects. I am in favor of entertainments on Arbor Day and believe a great deal of interest is aroused thereby.

Very respectfully yours,
A. D. Cook.

Superintendent C. P. Cary, Wisconsin

We are in receipt of pages of the March number of your magazine, in which you call attention to the forthcoming Arbor Day number to be issued in May. We should very much like if you would send us a copy, both of that number and of the "good roads" number, which you say you will issue in June.

If teachers, through the instruction given children preceding Arbor Day and the exercises in the schoolhouse, are able to arouse a more sympathetic and thorough interest on the part of pupils and parents in the care and culture of trees, much will be done toward making secure the forestry movement which is now being attempted by the state and national governments. As the Nation grows older and the states become more densely populated, our timber regions are steadily diminishing. If a supply of timber adequate to our needs is to be kept up and our streams are to have a comparatively uniform flow, not to mention other important considerations, more attention must be given in the public schools to teaching children the necessity of caring for our forests. One half of the school population of our state are enrolled in our district schools, and many of these pupils will continue to live at or near the place where they attend school. Much good can be done in teaching the simple rules necessary for the successful planting of trees and for the preservation of the farm woodlot.

Yours truly,
C. P. Cary.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, North Carolina

At the very foundation of every successful school system lies the practical problem of necessary physical equipment in houses, furniture, and grounds. This question of the character of our public schoolhouses is a far more serious one than many people think. Nobody has any respect for anything that is not respectable. A respectable schoolhouse, then, is not only necessary for conducting successfully the business of public education, but is absolutely essential for commanding the respect of the community for that business. The character of the business must to some extent determine the character of the place of business.

What, then, should be the character of these public schoolhouses where the

business of educating nine out of ten of the State's children for citizenship and social service is carried on? Within, shall it be a hovel or a home, a place of beauty or a place of ugliness, a place of comfort or a place of discomfort, a place of cleanness or a place of uncleanness? Without, shall the grass grow green, and the sun shine bright, and the flowers bloom, and the birds sing, and the trees wave their long arms, or shall it be bleak and barren, where Nature, God's great teacher, never whispers to the children her sweet messages of peace and love and beauty from the Master?

Superintendent Edward Hyatt, California

I cannot answer your request for an opinion on arboriculture and kindred topics better than to tell you that I have resolved to make my next biennial report into a special number on this very subject. This report is a large and important official publication, printed by the State and sent to every school and every school officer in the State. I shall have it illustrated and shall turn into it all the energy and all the originality we have at command, with the hope of so arousing public sentiment that California shall grow into one of the most intelligent and most progressive States in the union in the way of beautiful schools, the planting of trees and the wise care of natural resources.

Very cordially yours,
Edward Hyatt.

Superintendent Thomas C. Miller, West Virginia

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst., under other cover I send you a copy of my Arbor and Bird Day Annual just issued, which I trust will serve in some measure to indicate the interest I have in this good work. In many ways teachers can do much to promote an interest in the subject of forestry, improved school grounds, good roads and better home surroundings, and I am glad to say that this work is being emphasized all over West Virginia. For some years many of our leading workers have been creating a sentiment in this direction and the results in some places are already very manifest. We have a School Improvement League with several thousand members, and, with an awakened public sentiment all over the State, I look to see a very decided advance step taken.

I most heartily favor school entertainments for the purpose of increasing public interest in all these movements. I am sure with the awakening on this subject and with better roads, school libraries, and attractive school grounds, we shall soon find the schoolhouse the center of the social, the moral, and the educational life of the community.

I congratulate you upon the service you are rendering the public in this good cause, Forestry, Good Roads and The School Beautiful, and shall hope to keep in touch with your magazine.

Very truly yours,
Thomas C. Miller.

Superintendent Wm. E. Chancellor, Washington, D. C.

State Superintendents can, in general, do very little for good roads or beautiful schools or tree planting. They can simply encourage. All power in these matters in every State in the Union and in the Congress-governed District of Columbia is vested in certain boards of laymen, who care little or nothing about such matters.

Tree-culture is an important move, but what is the use of talking about tree-

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MOTHER'S REALM

By Eda W. vonAlten

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

The month of May has so many pretty things to offer that an ingenious mother will find more than enough for the little ones intrusted to her care. There is so much to see, the wild flowers are waking, and the birds are building their nests. All nature is alive and after the glorious awakening and preparation of Easter we are now more than ready to continue our nature studies, to seek wild flowers, such as anemones, violets, and buttercups. A very pleasant way is to take the little ones out into the woods. Take a number of large baskets and knives and trowels. With these two simple instruments most of the plants can be dug up, of course being careful to leave sufficient dirt on them so as not to expose the tender rootlets. These plants are to be taken home, and the children are to have a garden of their very own.

Would it not be nice to take for the foundation of our garden the square? You know we have drawn, perforated, and sewed that so many times and made very pretty designs with it. Let us dig a little place, say four feet square, right

Portfolio," and "The Story of the Morning Glory Seed" in "In the Child's World."

Now a very simple little game for the little ones to play at home on a rainy day, is, "The Garden Bed," to be found in Mrs. Hubbard's book. This book is already so well known by our readers, that it needs no special commendation.

THE BIRDS

Have nearly all come back from the South now, and are ready to build their nests. Lead the little ones to notice the places where nests are built, and the different forms of nests. The old birds have built their nests where they can easily find food for their little ones. When the little baby birds are born they find just the weather and the food they need. Summer brings them berries and grains, and in the autumn, when food is harder to find, they have grown strong enough to find it for themselves. Call the child's attention to the forms of nests and their adaptations. The finch builds his nest in the branches of the apple tree, and he is so cunning about it that you can hardly



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near the dining-room door, as the little sunbeams come there the first thing in the morning. We can take our buttercups and put them in the ground to form the square; then make the diagonals of anemones and the diameters of violets. This will be simple enough for even the little five and six-years olds.

A VISIT TO THE FARMER

Another interesting thought for the month is the study of the animals in the barnyard. Children who live in cities will find this a very enjoyable afternoon, as many of them have never seen a real farm. After naming over all the animals in the barnyard, let us go out and see the farmer sow his seed. He has such a variety of vegetables and flowers—perhaps he will give each one of us a little seed to take home and plant in our own garden. Two very pretty stories for mothers to read to the little folks are "The Story of the Seeds" in "Mother's

distinguish it from the bark. The titmouse builds a nest to resemble a bundle of moss. This assures him of safety. Pictures of these birds and their nests should be shown to the little ones, as we do not always have the birds and their nests nearby to look at.

Robin redbreast is one of the first birds to come back to us, and the children all know them. Take the children to the hedges where robins usually build their nests. They build their nests here because they are so fond of insects, and you know there are always plenty of bugs and mosquitoes about these places. Right here a great many valuable lessons in life can be taught to the child,—the care of the mother bird for her young, their protection and safety. Just so our parents provide for us a home, shelter, and loving care. So also does the loving heavenly Father care for us just as he does for the birds. The attention of the

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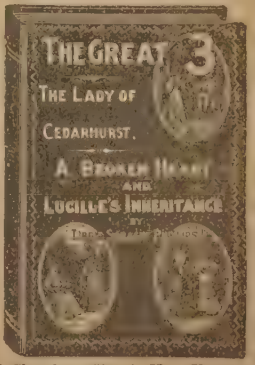


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Arbor Day in the Poultry Yards

By Carl G. Loeber

In my article of last month I tried to show how all-important sunshine is in successful poultry raising. Now that this sunshine has come, cold winds subsided, and everything waking up to new spring life, let us look ahead to the time when this fine mild sunshine has so increased that man and beast alike are looking for much needed shade. It is here where trees, plants, and shrubs of all kinds play their important part in the poultry world.

As the fact remains that the value of greens cannot be overestimated and as there is nothing in the line of foods so essential to the big egg yield, both as to quantity and quality, it will be well for us to look into this question of *more shade and more green food* more carefully. Chickens themselves point the way, as they, when running loose, can always be seen scratching and digging away at places where grass and other growing things are to be found.

If you have not as yet erected your poultry house or houses, you cannot select a better place than your orchard. Nothing works so well hand in hand as poultry and fruit raising, as one provides the other with substance much needed in its daily life. As most of my readers, however, will not be contemplating building poultry houses at this time, it will be well to consider and make the most of existing surroundings. It will pay well to plant as many fruit trees as possible in your yards. They not only give shade and in years to come, fruit, but like all plants, attract insects, bugs and worms, which form part of daily rations for all fowls, which if not provided for by nature, we must try to replace, and this at best is far inferior to nature's own way.

Then again, in the fall of the year many of these shrubs and trees provide your stock with much relished seeds. One of the best flowers among quick-growing plants is the sunflower, which besides growing quickly, gives an abundance of shade and the chickens are very fond of its seeds.

The most important question, however, remains the one of how continually to keep the yards green and fresh, as with their constant scratching and running it is only a short time before the yards become bare. A very good way is to divide your space available for your poultry into several yards, planting vines and berry bushes along the fences and fruit trees in the center. The object of dividing into several yards is to use them alternately, sowing in them a mixture of quick growing grains as soon as the chickens have run one yard down low. A mixture of grass and oats is very good, but anything that grows quickly will answer just as well. By using the yards in turn that way, you can manage to keep something green before them all the time. Thus the growing of these plants keeps the ground sweet and healthy, which naturally prevents sickness and promotes the general welfare of

the stock, meaning, in turn, more money as well as pleasure for you.

In the April issue I gave a full description of a house 6x10 feet in size, which when supplied with runners consisting of 2x4 nailed on the bottom along the front and rear can easily be moved from place to place by the use of a horse. Such a house will be just the thing to be used on ground as laid out on the accompanying sketch.

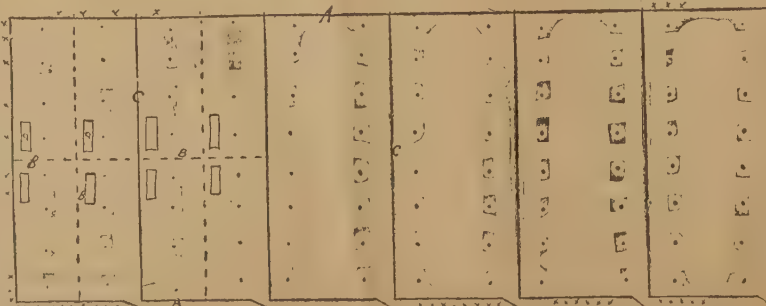
I wonder how many people realize how much can be accomplished on a half acre of ground if laid out on the poultry and fruit plan. This small area can be made to yield larger returns in this way than any other. Thousands of farmers can easily spare a half acre, which by the way is only a space 90x242 feet, and make two and three times as much as they could by regular farming. Many times a piece of land can be used that would otherwise be of no earthly use.

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Next build portable fencing enough to extend across two of these yards and twice the entire length, or a total of 260 feet. These should be built the same as the ones above, that is with board bottom. Build them in lengths best suited, using 1x2 strips to nail boards and wire on. The 1x2 strips should be at least seven feet long as you have a little end left at the bottom to drive into the ground. These sections can easily be fastened by a few screws and a few stakes driven into the ground.

Thus you can divide two of these large yards into eight small ones, 20x45 feet each, large enough to accommodate twenty to twenty-five laying hens. Here you keep your 150 to 200 chickens until the grass and other greens are large enough to offer them a welcome to the next two yards. By the time they have exhausted the third set of yards your first one should be in fine form again.

Now as to the trees and shrubs to be planted. By referring to the drawing you will see you can plant ninety-six fruit trees in the yards, without interfering or being in the way when moving your houses. The trees will have plenty of room, as there is a space of twenty feet one way and twelve feet the other way or a space of 240 square feet to the tree. On the outside you can plant upwards of 150 bushes, such as currant, raspberry, and the like. These in a short time pay a handsome profit and greatly aid in beautifying the surroundings.



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- B—Movable fencing, the lower 20 inches being boards and the upper 5 feet 1 inch wire.
- C—Stationary fence, made same as B.
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For Children and Grown-Ups

An Arbor Day Story

By Alice May Douglas

"Please tell us a story, mother," pleaded Lowell Noyes, as he and his sister Verena lay down their trowels and came into the house on Arbor Day.

"Why, children," answered Mrs. Noyes, looking up into their rosy-checked faces, "can't you find enough to amuse yourselves with out of doors, this beautiful day, without wanting a story?"

"But, mother," implored Verena, throwing down her hat upon the table, "it won't seem like a holiday unless you tell us a story."

"O," she answered, "then it is an Arbor Day story that you want, is it?"

"Yes, yes, mother," came from both children.

"Let me see," said Mrs. Noyes, trying to think. Presently she exclaimed, "Ah, now I have an idea."

Then she laid aside her embroidery, and told the children to come with her to the beach, which was only a short distance from their home.

"I thought you were to tell us a story, mother," said Lowell, rather impatiently, as they came near the shore.

"You must wait, my dear," answered the mother, "until I show you what I am going to tell you about."

They had now reached the beach and had taken seats upon some of the rocks made smooth by the beating waves.

"There," exclaimed Mrs. Noyes, pointing to an object beside them, "do you see that long piece of wood?"

"Yes, mother," was the reply, from both children. "What is it?"

"That is a piece of a mast, doubtless, one from some wrecked vessel. I saw it lying there from my chamber window and thought you would like to know its history."

"Then you are going to tell us about this old mast?" queried Verena.

"Yes," said the mother, "but I am going to let you help me tell the story."

"O, I know," began Lowell, "this mast was once a tall tree."

"That is correct, and I think this mast was once a pine tree."

"Was it really?" Lowell asked in surprise. "Was it once a beautiful evergreen tree?"

"It was," answered his mother, "and little did it think as it grew so proudly in its forest that it would be carried over this great blue sea and would then drift back to shore a part of a wreck."

"Nor did this other piece of wreckage," observed the lad—"the one here at my feet. That looks like a piece of fir, and it has drifted back to its native country."

"Yes, that is fir," said Mrs. Noyes, "and I may as well give you a few facts about this tree. The fir grows in many parts of our country, but it is especially abundant in the Northwestern coast, where it is often found growing upon the high mountain sides."

"Does the fir have needles for leaves, like the pine?" asked Verena, twisting one of her long black curls over her finger.

"The pine has its needles arranged in bunches of five, three or two, while the fir, which is more closely related to the pine than any of the coniferous family, has its leaves scattered on the branches and sometimes in rows of two."

"I think I like the pine best," remarked Lowell.

"The balsam or balm fir," continued the mother, "is found north of Pennsylvania and it grows from forty to fifty feet in height. This kind of tree is furnished with a liquid balm found in blisters in the bark."

"O!" exclaimed Verena, "that is what Hiawatha asked the fir tree to give him to close the seams of his canoe

together. We read about it yesterday, in school."

"Did the tree give the balsam to Hiawatha?" inquired Lowell, as he tossed a pebble into the water.

"Yes," answered the sister, "the tree sobbed and then Hiawatha got the tears."

"I am glad," said Mrs. Noyes, "that you remember what you read. The fir balsam is gathered from the tree by puncturing the blisters. This is a very slow process, but the substance obtained is useful for many purposes."

"Does the fir have cones like the pine?" asked Lowell.

"Yes," was the reply, "the fir has cones. In the cones are found the seeds of the tree."

"After the fir became a tall tree, the woodman's axe felled it to the ground. Then it was hauled upon the snow to a stream of water and floated down to a market place and then taken to a ship yard, where it became a part of some staunch vessel."

"This must have meant lots of work," soliloquised Lowell, as he traced his name in the sand.

"I suppose the vessel must have been wrecked," said Verena.

"It probably was," answered mother, "and we can only guess at the remainder of our story. We do not like to think of what became of it; but as we see this wreckage lying upon the beach, let us remember it as it was when it stood in the forest."

"But what has this to do with Arbor Day?" queried Lowell.

"Nothing in particular. However; upon Arbor Day any story about the trees is in order and is it not pleasant to think that the place which the trees which went into the wrecked vessel once occupied is now the home of many younger trees which in time may be of as much use to the world as these trees themselves have been?"

"That is so," assented the children. Then they began to amuse themselves in the sand.

What Margaret Did

By Georgia Doty

Margaret Hanghery was a poor, hard-working girl who lived in New Orleans. Her parents had died when she was a little child, so she never had an opportunity to go to school and get an education. She could not write her own name, so you see she was very ignorant.

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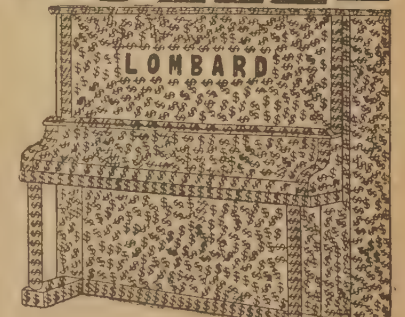
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At Home with The Editor



The Days We

Love. In all lands of every clime are days that the people dearly love, by reason of associations connected therewith running back through the years that are gone, sometimes through decades, sometimes through the centuries, and sometimes through the millenniums. Easily the weekly sabbath holds first place in the affections of the people the world round. Different days are observed as the sabbath by people of different religions and countries, but it is difficult to find any considerable portion of the earth's surface where one day out of every seven is not set apart as a day of rest and worship. By reason of the religions and many tender home memories that cluster around the weekly sabbath, the day has become endeared to millions of earth's dwellers.

Every race and every nation and every religion has special days that come to be great memorials of mighty events or personalities that have made and molded world history. Easily the first importance of these among the so-called Christian nations are the annual Christmas and New Year holidays.

Days of Gladness.. These and other special days of the calendar we carelessly call holidays, meaning that they are times for merry making, when joy may be quite unconfined, little thinking that the term originally meant a holy day, solemnly set apart to some sacred use. Perhaps it is fortunate that the word holiday has come to lose something of its original seriousness and now takes on more of good cheer and lightheartedness. Were all words of our vocabulary to be accorded their old-time significance, both language and life would become sombre, indeed, and we might quite forget how to smile, to say nothing of contagious, health-giving laughter. While thus we welcome the gospel of good cheer and gladly admit into our lives the glorious sunshine of the smile, it is not fitting that we turn utterly away from the real, the substantial, the serious things of life; not fitting that we become vainly "light and trifling," but rather that the sunshine of royal good cheer may serve to illuminate our pathway, sometimes dark and devious, as we toil and struggle, step by step, ever onward and upward toward the heights where alone life's true boon is found—real worth, good character.

The Christmas holidays are rightly joyous for the reason that they celebrate the birth of the truest, the greatest, and the bravest conqueror ever heralded in this world—earth's great master spirit, Jesus, who won his victories not with the death-dealing sword but with love, the greatest power in the universe. Fitting it is at this happy holiday time that all join the angels' glad refrain: "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Another religious festival that is rapidly coming to be more and more regarded by all Christian churches is Easter, which emphasizes anew each year the resurrection hope of the world universal, and reaffirms to millions the "glad tidings of great joy that shall be to all people."

The Days We Celebrate. Every nation has its special days, which celebrate some great national achievement or the birth of some great public benefactor. Chief among these in the United States is the Fourth of July, which serves to keep fresh in the minds of all patriots that "new birth of freedom" that gave to the world the greatest, the mightiest, and the best republic of which history makes record. This day we celebrate, and rightly, too, with rattle and roar, with gayety and joy, with various competing

games and social diversions. In like manner we celebrate Thanksgiving, Washington's birthday, and other days of lesser significance. But all holidays are not to be celebrated, and hence it is we have

The Days We Observe. Any day specially set apart for solemn religious service is rightly regarded as a sabbath day, and as such is observed and not celebrated. The great American national sabbath is Memorial Day, whether it is that on which the people of the North bestrew the graves of their hero dead with love's tribute of flowers, or that other day when their fellow patriots of the Sunny South in like manner render the homage of their hearts to their beloved dead. This being a holy, sacred Sabbath day, it should be observed and not celebrated—not desecrated. It is devoutly to be hoped that the sacredness of this day will be more and more realized by all—especially by the young. Let every true patriot, let every good citizen do all in his power to discourage every kind of competitive sports, every sort of diversion on Memorial Day not in keeping with its holy significance. Let all with one accord turn their thoughts to an earnest contemplation of the true heroism, the mighty sacrifices, and the loyal devotion to duty and to native land shown by the nation's soldier dead, and to the contemplation, too, of how we in this day may continue and transmit to those who come after us the priceless heritage of liberty.

A Month With Two Loved Days. In several of the states Memorial and Arbor Day both come in the month of May. This coincidence, it is to be hoped, will suggest to the minds of educators and others the close relationship that should exist between the two days. Every tree planted on Arbor Day, as it rises heavenward with each yearly cycle, becomes a memorial, a monument to those who did the planting. And why may not school children be wisely encouraged to extend the thought and practice of Arbor Day on to Memorial Day—and on that day, while they strew the soldiers' graves with flowers, also plant trees in suitable places to the memory of the nation's heroic dead. The flowers will soon fade and die, but the trees will endure.

Woman's Aid to the Forestry Cause

Whatever an editor may do to gain reliable information regarding the great forward Forestry movement now gaining splendid headway in this country, he everywhere learns this, that one of the most potent influences aiding this good cause is the Federation of Women's Clubs and the many branches of the same throughout the country. If one writes a letter to the Forest Service, or to the American Forestry Association, or to the American Civic Association, asking for information as to what is being done to advance this splendid cause, he will be told in reply that the Women's Federation is doing most effective work everywhere. This is, indeed, most gratifying to learn, and American womanhood has just reason to be proud of the nation-wide good this great woman's organization is doing for the conservation, preservation, and re-creation of our forest reserves that mean so much for the public weal. Not only this, but it is even still more gratifying to know that this is not the only Human Welfare interest to which the women of the nation are giving loyal and effective support. Indeed, there are many such interests—so many that it will take a special number of this magazine a few months hence to tell of them, and then the half will not be told.

A Wonderful Factory-to-Family Plan

How many homes are furnished and double values made possible

The patrons of mail order houses all over the United States have been watching, with considerable interest, the rapid growth of a young company organized in Syracuse, N. Y., a few years ago, by C. Henry Papworth.

In a recent interview Mr. Papworth gave out some facts concerning his early business career which might well serve to stimulate young men of today, especially those who complain of lack of opportunities. He did not look for an easy berth and then wait for opportunity to come and look him up, but went in search of that much-admired but little-sought agent of Success. At an age when most boys are seeking laurels on some college football team he had successfully embarked upon his first business venture.

Mr. Papworth was born in Baldwinsville thirty-eight years ago. As a boy he showed his natural business ability by purchasing a barrel of kerosene oil which he took orders for and delivered from his home.

His energy and ability were soon noted by a neighboring druggist who offered him a position as a clerk in his store. Now right here is where most young men would, in a measure, feel satisfied with themselves; not so with this young man. He immediately took hold of his position in earnest and mastered its requirements. At the early age of seventeen he succeeded in passing the examination of the State Board of Pharmacy, thus securing his certificate as a licensed pharmacist.



Armed with this certificate, a small amount of savings, and a large supply of determination, he started in business for himself. By hard work, strict economy and careful business management, he was able, a few years later, to open up another drug store in a different part of the city.

His next step was in the grocery business, upon a strictly cash basis, with the motto: "When I buy a bargain, I sell a bargain." On account of his strictly cash terms he is familiarly referred to as "Cash" Papworth. Success seemed to await him at every turn. First it was one store, then two, then three, until he had over a dozen stores scattered over Syracuse and the surrounding towns. In a few years he found that he had reached the limit of possibilities in the small circle to which his work was necessarily confined.

His energetic mind would not permit of his resting content with what he had accomplished, but soon formulated a plan for extending his business by mail all over the United States. It is this plan that I want to tell you about, because it means a saving of money to every family in the land. I feel sure that, in these uncertain times, every family is interested in saving a dollar. A plan that will enable them to save a dollar.

As stated to me, the plan is to supply nearly everything in the grocery line at regular retail prices in orders of ten dollars or more, and with each purchase give you free your choice of over 1,000 useful pieces of furniture or other valuable premiums, or \$20.00 retail value for \$10.00. By the way, I think their catalogue of premiums is one of the handsomest illustrated mail order catalogues I have ever seen. A feature which impressed me quite strongly was that, when no premium is taken, they will ship \$20.00 worth of groceries, etc., for \$10.00, thus bearing out their statement of \$20.00 for \$10.00. I also learned that the greater share of orders are sent in through clubs of five or ten members, each putting in one or two dollars at a time. In such cases the Club Manager or Secretary receives something extra for her trouble.

Upon seeing some of these premiums and learning the small amount of goods with which they are given, I confess that I was truly surprised and asked him how such values were possible. Now this is just the point I promised to tell you about in the beginning of this article.

Mr. Papworth said: "Do you know I believe that people at distant points are often afraid to send in their orders, feeling that it is impossible for us to do all we promise to give. However, we are always very careful to live up to our agreements and I firmly believe that this is the secret of our rapid growth. Read carefully the full page advertisement on page 33. (Third Cover)

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As I took the train from Syracuse that evening I felt the afternoon had been well spent, and carried with me a stronger conviction than ever that we do live in an age of remarkable achievement.

Arbor Day Calendar

State or Territory	First observed	Time of Observance
Alabama	1887	February 22.
Arizona	1890-91	
Arkansas	1906	First Saturday in March. (March 7, 1908.)
California	1886	Appointment of various dates by local officers.
Colorado	1885	Third Friday in April. (April 17, 1908)
Connecticut	1887	In early May; by appointment of governor.
Delaware		In April, by proclamation of the governor.
Florida	1886	First Friday in February. (February 7, 1908.)
Georgia	1887	First Friday in December. (December 4, 1908.)
Hawaii	1906	First Friday in November. (November 6, 1908.)
Idaho	1886	Various dates in April selected by County Superintendents.
Illinois	1886	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24 and October 23, 1908.)
Indiana	1884	Spring and Autumn dates, by Sup't of Public Instruction. (April 25 and October 31, 1908.)
Iowa	1887	Appointment by Superintendent of Public Instruction. (April 24, 1908.)
Kansas	1875	Option of the Governor; about the middle of April.
Kentucky	1886	No law for observance.
Louisiana	1886-9	Second Friday in January by resolution of State Board of Education. (January 10, 1908.)
Maine	1887	Option of Governor.
Maryland	1889	Second Friday in April. (April 10, 1908.)
Massachusetts	1886	Last Saturday in April. (April 25, 1908.)
Michigan	1885	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
Minnesota	1876	Proclamation of Governor. No date set for 1908.
Missouri	1886	First Friday after first Tuesday in April. (April 10, 1908.)
Montana	1887	Third Tuesday in April. (April 21, 1908.)
Nebraska	1872	April 22. (Birthday of J. Sterling Morton). By act of legislature of 1885.
Nevada	1887	Option of Governor.
New Hampshire	1886	Option of Governor.
New Jersey	1884	Proclamation of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
New Mexico	1890	Second Friday in March, subject to change by Governor. (March 27, 1908.)
New York	1889	Friday following first day of May. (May 8, 1908.)
North Carolina	1893	Observed by many schools. No official day.
North Dakota	1884	Option of Governor. (April 24, 1908.)
Ohio	1882	Proclamation of Governor. (April 17, 1908.)
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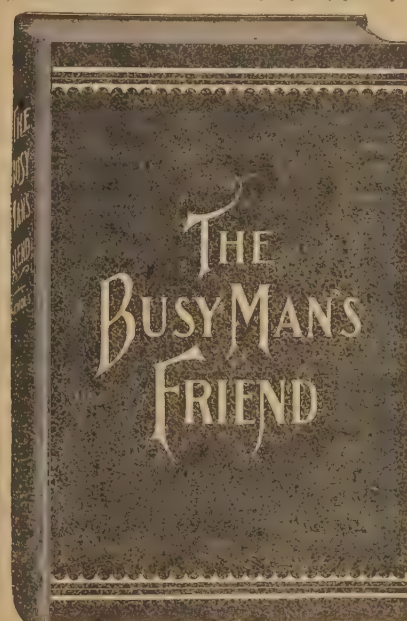
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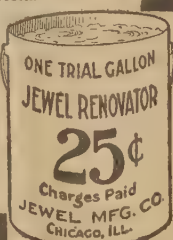
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Rhubarb Delicacies

By Mrs. Byron Backus

Few things are more refreshing in the spring than viands prepared from fruit. The savory rhubarb, in all its aromatic freshness, is plentiful now and can be prepared in an endless number of delightful ways. The following are tested recipes.

Rhubarb Jelly and Whipped Cream

Skin and cut one pound of rhubarb into small pieces, put in a saucepan with one cupful of sugar and cook slowly until soft but not broken. Soak two tablespoonfuls of gelatine in one-half cupful of cold water until soft, then add the hot rhubarb, with two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Place in a mold and thoroughly chill. Serve in squares with whipped cream or a soft custard.

Rhubarb Charlotte

Stew rhubarb slowly until it can be pressed through a sieve. For each pint allow one cupful of sugar, and one-third box of gelatine dissolved in just enough cold water to cover; then add the fruit, and when nearly cold and commencing to jelly add one-third its bulk of stiffly whipped cream. Turn into a melted mold and set in a cold place to harden. By omitting the cream and adding the stiffly beaten whites of four eggs to this mixture it becomes a sponge.

Rhubarb Tapioca

To one pint of chopped rhubarb, add two dozen cooked prunes, one quarter cupful liquid in which the prunes were cooked and half cupful sugar. Boil ten minutes, then add half cupful tapioca which has been soaked one hour in one cupful cold water. Cook until tapioca is transparent, and serve either hot or cold with cream and sugar or whipped cream.

Rhubarb Cream Pie

Cut and chop one coffee cupful of rhubarb, mix with the same measure of sugar. Moisten two tablespoonfuls of corn starch with one of cold water, and fill the cup with boiling water. Add the starch to the fruit and sugar, also the beaten yolks of four eggs. Line a pie plate with paste, fill with the mixture and bake in a moderate oven until firm in the center. Cover with a meringue made with the beaten whites of four eggs, four tablespoonfuls powdered sugar. Brown delicately in the oven.

Rhubarb Puffs

One cupful of finely chopped rhubarb, one cupful sugar, two tablespoonfuls butter, one teaspoonful baking powder, one quarter cupful milk, two eggs, sufficient flour to make a stiff batter. Cream butter and sugar. Add well beaten eggs, milk, flour, rhubarb and baking powder. Half fill well greased cups and steam half an hour. For the sauce cream together one-half cupful butter, one cupful powdered sugar, then add by degrees one whipped egg, beating until smooth. The last thing before serving stir in three tablespoonfuls boiling water.

Rhubarb Roll

Mix up a rich biscuit crust; roll out half an inch thick; cover with a layer of raw cut rhubarb; sprinkle thickly with sugar; roll up; lay on a buttered plate and steam forty minutes, then place in a hot oven long enough to dry off, and serve with a hard sauce.

Rhubarb and Raspberry Jam

To each pound of prepared rhubarb, allow one pound of raspberries, and two pounds of sugar. Boil slowly and steadily until it jellies when tested on a cold plate. Fill jelly tumblers, cover with paraffin and keep in a cool place. Strawberries may also be used in the same manner.

Corn Recipes

By Elma Iona Locke

Raised Corn Bread

One pint of lukewarm water, one teaspoon of salt, one-half cup of yeast; stir in enough corn meal to make a batter, and set in a warm place to rise. When light, stir in two well beaten eggs, one large spoonful of butter, melted, and one-half teaspoon of soda dissolved in a little warm water. Bake in a slow oven. Half a cup of molasses or sugar may be added if liked.

Quick Corn Bread

Two cups of sour milk, one well beaten egg, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of soda, three cups of corn meal; stir well and bake in a quick oven.

English Johnnie Cake

One heaping cup of corn meal, one-half cup of flour, one-half cup each of sweet and sour milk, one-fourth cup each of molasses and sugar, one large spoonful of butter, one teaspoonful each of salt and soda, one well beaten egg; mix thoroughly, pour into a well buttered pan and bake for twenty minutes in a quick oven.

Corn Muffins

One cup of corn meal, one of flour, one teaspoon each of salt and soda, and two of cream of tartar. Sift all together twice, and add two eggs, and enough sweet milk to make a soft batter. Bake in muffin rings or gem pans, in a hot oven.

Brown Bread

One pint of corn meal, one pint of flour, one teaspoon of salt, and three of soda dissolved in a cup of cold water, two cups of sour milk, one cup of molasses. Steam for five hours, then bake for half an hour.

Corn Meal Pancakes

Three cups of sour milk, one teaspoon of soda, salt, one egg, one tablespoon of molasses, one cup of flour, one cup of corn meal, mix well and fry. Sweet milk and baking powder may be substituted for the soda and sour milk.

Raised Corn Batter Cakes

At night take one pint of lukewarm water, one teaspoon of salt, one spoonful of molasses, one-half cup of yeast, stir in, alternately, two large spoonfuls of corn meal and one of flour until it makes a batter a little thicker than for buckwheat cakes. Set in a warm place until morning, then dissolve a half teaspoon of soda in a little warm water and add to the batter, beating it well. Bake on a hot griddle.

Mississippi Corn Bread

One pint of boiled rice, mashed fine, one pint of corn meal, one spoonful of butter, bake in a pan like a pound cake, in a hot oven.

Corn Gems

One cup of sour milk, two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one-half teaspoon of salt, one-third teaspoon of soda, one cup each of corn meal and flour. Bake in gem pans in a hot oven. This quantity makes twelve gems.

Corn Popovers

Scald one pint of milk, add one tablespoon of butter; stir in a generous half-pint of corn meal. When cool, add three well beaten eggs, put in hot gem pans and bake in a quick oven.

Corn Meal Pudding (Boiled)

Put on one pint of milk to boil, and when it begins to boil, stir in slowly four tablespoonfuls of corn meal mixed with a little cold milk and one egg well beaten. Stir until thick, and serve cold with sugar and cream, flavored.

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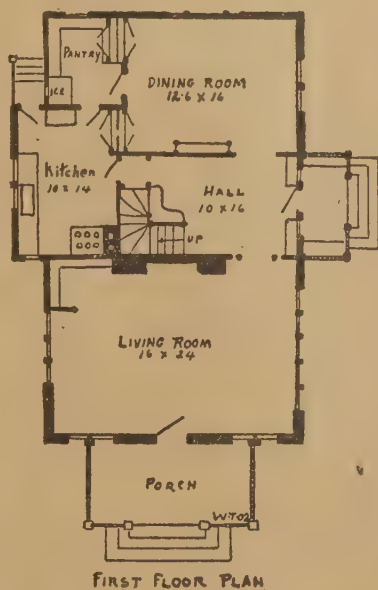
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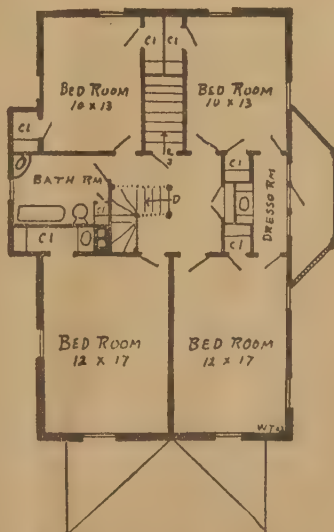
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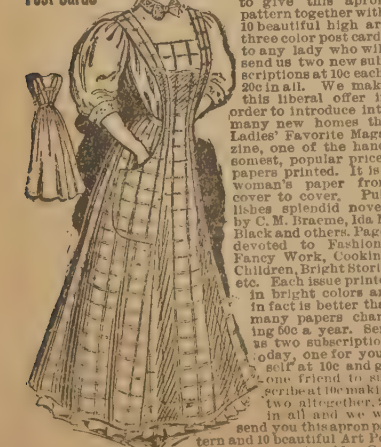


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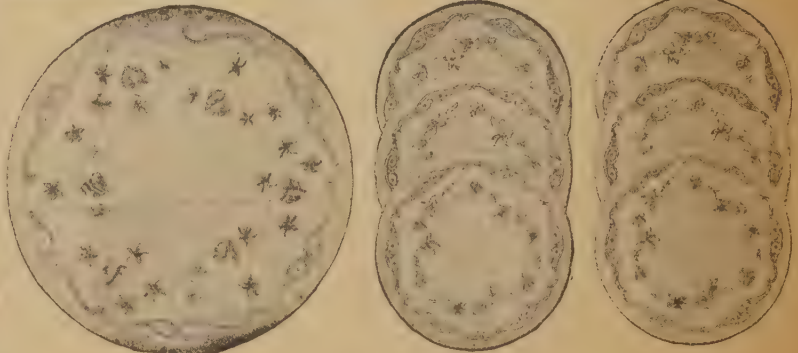
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At the Point of the Needle

By Laurretta Miller



Luncheon Set

Violets, "sweet violets—sweeter than all the roses," these beauteous creations of nature constitute our theme for May.



Pillow Cover

Whatever the month may be, no other flower lends itself with such dainty effect to the needle-woman's fascinating art as does the violet. As spring merges into early summer the minds of not a few turn to the delightful afternoon teas and luncheons in a cozy bay window, or better, on the shaded and sheltered veranda—those charmingly informal functions so enjoyable to both guest and hostess. Anticipating these engaging summer events the housewife often remarks to herself, and sometimes audibly to others, "How lovely it would be to have a set of those exquisite embroidered doilies and a beautiful centerpiece to match."

The Luncheon Set

Accordingly she sends to The New Vick's and obtains the designs therefor, and goes to work diligently and in a marvelously short time the set is complete, a veritable dream of dainty beauty. She will find her designs stamped on white linen, each set consisting of one 18-inch centerpiece and six 6-inch, or 12-inch, doilies. A complete diagram lesson and a handsome color study will accompany each set.

Pillow Design

On the porch where the luncheon is to be served will be rockers, easy chairs, settees, etc., most inviting places for violet pillows. Hence designs for these are also sent for and a little later are worked. In the design here shown the flowers are arranged in profusion over and around a rustic border. A shower of falling petals drift lazily over the tinted motto.

The Baby's Bonnet

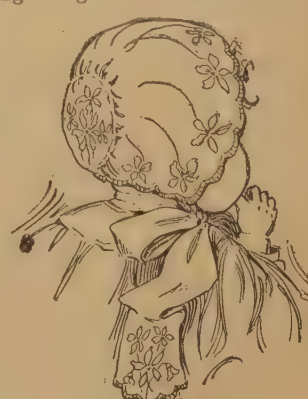
Then, too, in most well regulated homes where charming luncheons are often served on the veranda in the warm afternoons of the "good old summer time," there is apt to be a little baby tottler dodging in and out, and "how lovely" to have baby's bonnet harmonize with the doilies, the violet pillows, etc. Hence the embroidery department of the New Vick's is appealed to again to furnish a design for the little one's bonnet. How perfectly charming the combination of baby and bonnet will look, the illustration herewith indicates.

A Beautiful Doily

Should the baby's proud mamma not have enough violet embroidery to do in working out the designs described thus far she could send for several of the individual lace bordered violet doilies shown in this column.

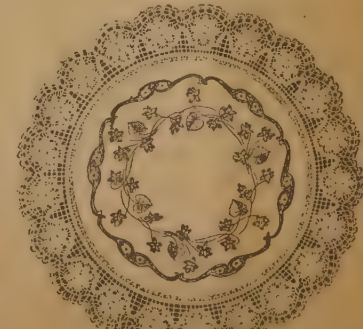
Helpful Suggestions

FLOWERS—Start on one side of a petal, near the top, and work a row of long-and-short stitch straight across the top end of the petal. When the opposite margin has been reached, go down the side of the petal with outline stitch, to a point that shall mark the lower edge of the second row of long-and-short stitch. Keep the outer edge of this first row close and even, make the upper and lower edges of each succeeding row irregular and uneven. Leave space between the stitches of each row for the stitches of succeeding rows. Work back to the opposite margin, placing each stitch in this row between two stitches of the preceding row of long-and-short stitch; blend the stitches back between the stitches of the first row.



Baby's Bonnet

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A Doily

TO THE READERS OF THE VICK'S MAGAZINE

A Clean Straight Talk on the Folly of Trying to Cure Constipation by the Use of Cathartics and the Wonderful Results Accomplished Right at Home by the New "Midgley Way."

For the Benefit of Our Readers, Prof. T. H. Midgley Gives an Interesting Talk On the Remarkable Results Attained by His New Rational Method in Curing Constipation Without Pills and Drastic Drugs.

For the benefit of our readers we publish a timely and interesting talk by Prof. T. H. Midgley on a point which is most vital to every man, woman and child in this country—the way to stop the spreading danger of chronic constipation. All he says is true, and evidences of it are so many and varied, as seen in hundreds of letters from those who have done as he advocates, that we think it a public benefit to make them known. We recommend Prof. Midgley most earnestly to our readers.

24-Hour "Habit" All Important

"Although it is one of the simplest things in the world to cure even the worst case of chronic constipation, yet nearly every other man and woman you meet is positively so stopped up as to be hardly able to think clearly. To get the habit every 24 hours regularly, works wonders. By the 'habit' I don't mean the cathartic habit, but I mean that 'natural, easy move' that every one ought to have without being obliged to make a rush for the pill box every night.

Must Quit Pill Habit

"You young and middle-aged men and women who eat and drink everything you like, and you old men and women who are addicted to pill eating to keep your overdue bowels going, you don't realize that there would not be one one-hundredth part of the disease on earth today if your bowels were absolutely regular.

"You can shake your fist at almost any old disease known if you've got the bowels that do business every 24 hours. This is plain talk, but any doctor will tell you the same thing, only he may be more particular in his language and it won't make the impression on your mind.

Cathartics Can't Cure Constipation

"It is true that cathartics sluice out the bowels clean, but they also sluice out that bowel moving juice or secretion which Nature has put in every good bowel to make it work easy and right. When this natural lubricating fluid is cleaned out, your bowels become mere dead pipes. Then you get a bad case of constipation and pills are swallowed to do the moving. This goes on, over and over again and this is why so many are constipated.

"Take it for granted now that you would like to quit taking pills and drugs, castor oil, cascara, jalap, gamboge and all other cathartics and consider my new rational method that has cured so many.

How You Can Stop Constipation Forever

"If you will do as I say you can get rid of your constipation right now and forget about it ever after.

"Forget forever that there are any pills, powders or potions for moving the bowels. They will move themselves if you will just give them a start the 'Midgley Way.' You will never realize how gratifying it is to have regular bowels and how fine it feels to really live, until you have tried it.

"My Rational Method includes a remarkable system of bowel exercises for which I send careful directions with engraved cuts, to show just how the exercises should be taken. These exercises are so easy that they are used without difficulty by delicate women and very elderly people, yet they are so scientific as to stimulate the relaxed bowel muscles and restore them to normal activity in a remarkably short period. No restrictions are placed upon the diet, though I do insist on the use for a time of a certain concentrated Fruit Food called 'Pomolo,' which I have discovered to be possessed of a marvelous tonic and strengthening effect on the entire digestive system. This wonderful Pomolo Fruit is as pleasant to the taste as oranges, and I supply it in a concentrated form from which all harmful acids are eliminated, so that it not only sharpens the appetite, but helps to digest starchy foods and thus prevents the formation of gas in the stomach and bowels—but I cannot go into details here.

"I am willing to tell anyone, who will take the trouble to ask me, just exactly how to use this simple method, and how to be cured right at home, so that it will no longer be necessary to dose with all kinds of harmful drugs and acids. I have published a book which contains this Midgley Method in detail; and as it would be impossible to tell you in this brief space what it contains I will send this book to any man or woman who is interested enough in a cure to send me a few postage stamps so as to pay the bare cost of sending it."

For the benefit of our readers we have taken the trouble to pick out at random a few of these letters and publish them. For instance Mr. F. G. Jackson, who had almost become a mere skeleton and had suffered for 10 years, cured himself in a few days by the "Midgley Way."

"Jackson, Old Boy, You're Looking Fine"

Mr. F. G. Jackson, Mining Engineer of the American Flag Quartz mine at Comptonville, Calif., says: "Prof. T. H. Midgley, Dear Sir: I took your advice. I have gained 10 pounds in weight and my friends remark as I meet them, 'Jackson, old boy, you're looking fine.' I tried almost every kind of patent medicine for 10 years to no good. Your advice has proved marvelous. I was almost a skeleton but now I feel as young and hearty as I did 20 years ago. I thank God and Prof. T. H. Midgley."

patients who have tried the "Midgley Way" as a last desperate effort, and to their surprise have been easily and quickly cured.

Mrs. Morgan Parkhurst of Gerry, N. Y., suffered for 30 years and cured herself in 30 days; and so on down the list.

Was Near Death

Thos. Needham, 1528 S. 44th Ave., Chicago, says: "I suffered from chronic constipation for 10 years. I tried every cathartic in the market in vain. Doctors could do nothing and death seemed near. By following your advice I cured myself permanently in just one month."



"You simply Can't Cure Constipation with Pills, Powders or Potions. Force is Folly. I Tell You How to Cure Yourself at Home Without Drastic Drugs."

Had Tried Every Kind of Medicine

Miss Ella Cea, of Boone, Ia., says: "I had been a constant sufferer from that dread disease, constipation, all my life, and had tried every kind of medicine and consulted many different doctors but none proved successful. At last I concluded to give Prof. Midgley's drugless treatment a trial. I did so and at the end of one month was entirely cured. My general health grew better and at present am in the best of health. Can say it is a wonderful cure and a help to anyone suffering as I was."

Suffered 20 Years, Cured in 30 Days

Mr. Geo. E. Barker, 39 Bailey St., Boston, Mass., writes that he had been troubled with constipation for 15 or 20 years and had tried every drug in the market. He cured himself in one month the "Midgley Way."

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

This method offers the greatest opportunity to be cured of chronic constipation that you have ever had come to your notice.

You would be amazed to see the array of letters that are received daily by this benefactor of mankind. These letters are from worn-out pill-ridden

you help to paralyze your own bowels. You can have them move every day regularly without taking any of these paralyzers, if you will only follow out my idea, which has already proved successful in hundreds of cases that I have cured.

Results of Constipation.

"When a train is stuck in the tunnel and cannot be dislodged, it stops traffic. With the body it is worse, because when there is a blocking-up somewhere in your 30 feet of bowels, the poison from the blockade is going to be soaked up by the little capillaries on the inside lining of the bowels, and all this poison is rushed right through the blood.

"It goes to the brain naturally, and in every part of the body, every organ is being fed on this polluted blood, or sewerage. It goes to your face in the form of pimple-poison and breaks out on the skin—it goes to your head and gives you headaches and dizziness—it goes to your brain and makes you drowsy—it weakens the stomach and causes dyspepsia and bad breath—it goes to the liver and causes biliousness—it goes to the kidneys and eventually gives rise to Bright's disease—it goes to the heart and makes it thump—it goes to the eyes and they lose their luster—it makes your nerves flabby and weak and out-o'-sorts, and is the advance agent of all kinds of disease which you couldn't get at all if there was pure, rich red blood flowing in your veins and your whole body was in prime condition."

Doctors Admit "Drug-Sin."

The Chief Clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, located at New Brunswick, N. J., says: "I have suffered from chronic constipation for the past six years, taking most all of the pills and potions I ever heard of. At one time I became so bad I decided to give up my position with the railroad, as I felt my days were numbered.

"One physician told me that he, as well as others, were powerless to cure constipation with drugs, saying that the purgatives inflame the bowels and eventually paralyze them. I followed your advice, have not spent a penny for drugs of any sort and I am cured."

Look Out for Your Nerves!

There is hardly anything which restores the nerves as quickly and surely as regular bowels. Most people who have weak nerves and are run down, are chronically constipated. It is surprising in how short a time a man or woman can build up a strong body by being absolutely regular and taking Prof. Midgley's treatment.

Our readers can be positively certain of results if they will send for Prof. Midgley's book and follow his advice. He is known all over the country as the "Constipation Wizard." His method is all so wonderful, and so simple that it has been said by a great many to be a positive pleasure to adopt the "Midgley Way" of getting cured RIGHT AT HOME. His advice to you will be worth hundreds of dollars and you will have saved years of misery, bad health, and danger of disease.

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To Freshen Summer Dresses

White dresses can often be worn one season without washing if they are dampened on the wrong side with thin starch water and pressed as fast as they are dampened, and this should be done as soon as they become wrinkled to keep them fresh and dainty looking. Hay-water, made by pouring boiling water over hay, is excellent for washing tan or brown linen, and the ordinary brown rice flour is the only safe starch for dark linens and muslins. In laundering lawns and thin muslins gum arabic should be added to the starch. Get the fine, white gum arabic and dissolve it in boiling water, and add a tablespoonful to starch made in the ordinary way, then it should be strained to make it as smooth as possible. After washing garments of a lavender, pink or green color, put a little diamond dye for cotton of the same color as the goods in the last rinsing water and hang them in the shade to dry, and they will come through the laundering as fresh and unfaded as when new, if the work is carefully done. A faded cotton waist or dress can be renewed by boiling the remaining color out and then boiling in a strong solution of the same dye, and dark colors can be selected for calicos and ginghams and delicate shades for muslins.

In ironing lace on lawn dresses it is best to iron all the rest of the garment first, then dampen the lace and press on the wrong side. As soon as you have finished pressing the lace, pull it out to its fullest width and run the iron over the wrong side and you can make the lace look almost like new; and tucks should be ironed first on the right and then on the wrong side. After washing thin white muslins, rinse them first in water that is slightly blued and then put them through water of a deeper shade and rub them carefully through this so every part will get its share of blue.—M. H.

Making Quilts Quickly

All require bedding, and we cannot spend weeks on one quilt as our mothers did, and boughen covers are too heavy for comfort.

Select pretty washable material for the top, with good muslin for lining. Cut squares, one-fourth the width desired for the quilt. From a pretty contrasting color cut bias folds three-fourths of an inch wide and baste from corner to corner on each square, to be quilted at each edge and through the middle.

Baste sixteen of these squares, with but little cotton between. Before being joined together one of these squares can be quilted as elaborately as desired in less than an hour. Quilt the bias pieces first, quilting spaces between in diamonds or in any way preferred. Join the squares by felling the lining, then cover each seam with a bias strip and quilt like the crosses. Each long strip is easily made. Now join two and two, felling, basting and quilting each. Lastly fell and baste strip through the middle. Roll one side, so as to pass through the arm of the machine easily, and quilt. When done bind with the same bias goods. If a quilt is desired to be longer than wide make a border like the bias strips, having it deeper at each end, and in this case the binding should be like the body of the squares. This is pretty quilted in small diamonds.—S. A. P.

The Way I Mend Stockings

There was a time I would have held up my hands in horror at the sight of great holes in the men's woolen socks. Now, I only smile and reach for my crochet-hook. This is how I do it. First trim off all the ragged edge around the hole; get yarn the shade of sock as near as possible; crochet all around the hole with a simple crochet stitch, and keep going 'round and 'round narrowing

toward the centre. When nearly closed narrow rapidly, so as not to leave a little knob, but perfectly smooth when finished. I find ladies' and children's black hose mend beautifully in the same manner, only using the steel hook and darning cotton.—B. F.

Mending Holes With Gum Tissue

When a small hole is torn in a garment that is not launderable, take a piece of gum tissue larger than the hole and just the color of the goods. Press the tear perfectly smooth on the wrong side; lay the tissue on it, and a piece of thin goods on that, and place a piece of paper over the patch and set a moderately warm—not hot—iron on it for a minute or two. Take up the paper and the work is done.—Mrs. A. A. Watkins.

Stopping Griddle Smudge

One of the best devices for preventing the usual smudge when using a griddle for cooking cakes, is to use a slice of turnip to rub over the griddle in place of the fat commonly regarded as necessary. The cakes turn as easily, while there is no suspicion of smoke, as when fat is used. This is recommended by a celebrated cooking-school teacher and with me works perfectly.—Mrs. J. M. H.

To Remove Blueing Stains

My baby reached up to the table, snatched a box of powdered blueing, and emptied the contents over the front of a new delicate pink gingham dress. I removed the dress at once, immersed it in kerosene, then washed with tepid water and soap, without injuring the pretty color of the dress, but every vestige of blueing had disappeared. Kerosene will also remove grass stains or grease stains without injuring delicate colors.—M. B.

To Free Chickens from Vermin

In some warm sheltered spot put your ashes for the chickens to dust themselves in, and see how free from vermin it will keep them. And now a word to those like myself who cannot afford a bone crusher to crush bones for the chickens. Get a flat stone and a hammer; go to the chicken house and crack the bones fine and see how the hens will reward you with eggs even in cold weather.—M. G.

Try This

When men's socks become past mending cut off just above the heel, split them down the back and lay two pair together, stitch down the sides and through the center, sew a hanger on one end, hang them near the stove where they will be handy for lifting hot kettles and pans.—W. H. G.

Remedy for Burns

Eight years ago our little baby boy was so seriously burned that it seemed as if the flesh on the whole top of his head was cooked. Having seen an article written by a doctor, who said to cover such burns immediately with linseed oil or, if not at hand, to use common molasses, we tried the latter. Cover a cloth with either substance, tie it about the burn and never untie until healed. I had no oil at hand, so used the molasses; tied up the little fellow's head as directed and not a scar is left to show today, and there is as fine, heavy growth of hair on his head as any one could wish for. This burn was so bad that it was several weeks in healing, yet the child never tried to remove the cloths that were tied to his head, which seems to show that the pain must have been eased.—Mrs. W. M. K.

To Prevent Boiling Over

Butter the upper inside edge of a stew pan to prevent the contents of the pan boiling over, whether milk, chocolate or cereals.—A. J. B.

In a Hurry

One hot day in mid-summer I was invited out to tea, and had planned a cold supper for the family. I had the potatoes diced for a salad, but with so many things to do, time passed and found me without the cream dressing I intended to cook while getting dinner. I let the fire in the range go out as usual, and taking the milk gravy left from dinner,—a little more than half a bowl full—I broke an egg into it and beat it with the egg-beater. Then I added two teaspoons of mustard, two tablespoons of sugar, two tablespoons of butter and one-half cup of vinegar. I turned it into a sauce-pan, and lighting the oil-stove cooked it a few minutes, stirring it continually. After straining it I found that I had as good cream dressing as usual, and made in about one-quarter of the usual time.—L. W.

Airing Blankets

An excellent way to air or dry blankets, quilts, and comforts, is to hang them on two parallel lines about three feet apart. One who has never tried it will be delighted to see how nicely they may be sunned and aired, or how quickly they will dry.—Mrs. A. L. C.

To Prevent Thread from Kinking or Breaking

Sometimes the upper thread on a machine will kink or break. It is more apt to do so when thin goods, which require a rather loose tension, are sewed. To stop this, fill the slot or hole in the needle bar, through which the thread passes, with fine hard soap or paraffine. This will smooth the thread and will not injure the goods, and will be found very helpful.—Mrs. G.

To Remove Ink Stains from Cotton Cloth

Put the ink spot to soak in one pint of thick sour milk, which in the course of a few hours will be black; then soak it again in another pint. This will remove every sign of ink and leave the color as bright as new.—M. G. C.

Charcoal for Offensvie Breath

The best treatment in regard to offensive breath is the use of powdered charcoal, two or three tablespoonfuls per week, taken in a glass of water before retiring at night.—Miss F. D.

Fastening Seams

When sewing by machine, sew an inch or two at the end of each seam in the opposite direction from which seam is sewed, thus doubling strength at ends and preventing ripping.—A. B. T.

Damp Cupboards

A bowl of quicklime placed in a damp cupboard will tend to dry it. The lime should be renewed every day or two, as it loses its power.—M. G. C.

To Remove Stains from Marble

Fine table salt rubbed on marble will remove a stain unless the latter be of too long standing.—M. G. C.

To Brighten Up a Carpet

I find that to clean a room without making a dust, that to use a coarse cloth, such as a towel rung out of salt and water, quite dry, will remove the dust and leave the carpet quite bright.—Mrs. C. A. L.

To Keep Lemons Fresh

Place the lemons in glass fruit jar; cover with cold water; seal tight. If you wish to use part of them, remove those you want; rinse those left; fill the jar as before. They will keep fresh a long time this way.—B. P.

Good Suggestions

Ink stains may be removed from silver and plated goods by using a paste of chloride of lime and water, which must be well rubbed in.

If when baking, the oven should get too hot, place a basin of cold water in it. This will cool the oven and the steam which rises from the water will prevent the contents from boiling.

Ladies in washing the head should tie the hair a few inches from the end; and if they do so carefully they can wash their hair as thoroughly and with less tangling than men do.

SIGHCIDES

By CY CYLER and His Friends

BEGINNIN'S

BY BURRITT HAMILTON

With earthquakes fer His plowshear and
lightnin's fer His hoe,
The Lord 'Imighty went about His farm
to till and sow;
He fenced His lands with mountains, and
He scooped the valleys deep,
And planted plains and woodlands while
the angels was asleep;

He ditched His fields with rivers that
He drained into the seas;
He set an apple orchard fer the aborigines;
He built a mammoth ice plant in the
chilly polar zone;
He lit His roads with planets and He
walled His fields with stone;

He tried to farm New England, but it
wa'n't no consequence;
He sweat so much the ocean has be'n
salty ever sence;
And then, while things was sproutin',
He set down a little spell
And whittled out ol' Adam from a piece
of lobster shell.

When Adam growed, He set him out to
watch the trees and crops;
But Adam let the dinosaurs git in and
tomp the hops;
And Adam went in swimmin' and fergot
the onion patch,
While pterosaurs and mastodons got in
and raised old scratch.

Then man's Inventor was that wroth He
set the hills afire
(Some few volcanoes burnin' yet bespeak
how great His ire)

And feelin' so towards mankind, He
fashioned Eve with care,
Adaptin' her to say to men the things
He didn't dare;

And then He raised His voice aloud and
said unto the man:
"You air so pesky shif'less-like you
need a guardian;
So, while you have dominion over all
dumb things, 'tis true,
From now I give the blessed Eve
dominion over you."

TORT AND RETORT

The attorneys in a Milwaukee court
had been doing overtime duty in ques-
tioning a prospective juror. Finally one
lawyer said: "You are a married man
and realize that if you serve on this jury
you may be closeted several days and
nights and be away from home all that
time—wouldn't that be an unbearable
inconvenience?"

"Oh, no," quick came the answer,
"it would be a great recreation."

THE YOUNG IDEA

The janitor at a public school building
had just swept the hardwood floor with
an oiled brush, leaving the surface some-
what slippery. A heavyweight gentle-
man visiting the building lost his bal-
ance and fell heavily to the floor, where-
upon one of the pupils remarked: "That
fellow took a drop too much."

A small boy was sent to the public
library to get the well known book, "To

Have and to Hold." On the way he
tarried at play and forgot the name of
the book. When at the library, with a
puzzled expression on his countenance,
he looked up and said: "I want that book:
When You Get It You Keep It."

A gentleman of rare literary attain-
ments and a very able public speaker by
the name of Waite, was being entertained
at dinner. After ample justice had been
done the meal, all withdrew to the parlor
and the hostess rendered several choice
selections on the piano, much to the
delight of her guest. The host then sug-
gested that the visitor reciprocate by
giving a select reading, when his wife
remarked that nothing very weighty
would be expected so soon after eating.
To this the host replied: "That's just
what we should expect from him—some-
thing very Waite—y."

First Philosopher—"Weren't you talk-
ing about tainted money the other day?"

Second Philosopher—"So I was, and
I'm strongly opposed to churches and
schools accepting this kind of money."

First Philosopher—"By the way, do
you know why so many people are
opposed to tainted money?"

Second Philosopher—"No, I don't."

First Philosopher—"Caws it 'taint
theirs."

A group of schoolboys were discussing
the rapid gait of a high school football
hero when one spoke up and said: "Oh,
that's nawthin'. One of the kids down
in our alley the other day ran a hundred
yards in eleven seconds."

"He must have been a regular ali-
gator," quickly remarked another boy.

In a recent divorce case the witness
declared that the cruel husband beat his
wife until she was pitch black in the
face. Perceiving the amazement of the
judge, counsel, and spectators, the wit-
ness added: "That wasn't anything re-
markable, you know his wife was a
negress to begin with."

An elderly gentleman was propound-
ing the somewhat familiar conundrum,
what is the difference between a hen and
a married man. While waiting for the
answer to the effect that the man could
lay an egg on a red hot stove and not
burn his feet and a hen couldn't, a by-
stander offered this solution which is not
bad: "One pecks and the other gets
pecked."

A little three-year-old girl, who, in
her short life had seen a calf but never
a colt, was passing a barn yard when her
bright eyes suddenly spied a pretty little
colt. With great earnestness she ex-
claimed, "Oh mamma, mamma, des see
dat big horse's little calf."

A KENTUCKY IDEA

At each of the coming political con-
ventions this summer there will be dele-
gates-at-large from Kentucky—yes from
Kentucky, the great commonwealth of
blue grass, fine horses, pretty women,
prohibition and whisky, dark and light
tobacco, night riders, repeating Win-
chesters, etc., etc. In order to guard
against any unseating accidents, these
delegates will provide themselves with
an additional set of credentials, which
will be of the self-adjustable-instanta-
neous-automatic-focusing models to be
carried in the hip-pocket when on duty,
and to be worn under the pillow when
sleeping. The fact that the Kentucky
delegates are "at large" will go a long
way toward guaranteeing a state of
serenity throughout each of the conven-
tion cities. The calm will be most
dense in the immediate vicinity of the
convention hall, and it will bear such a
close resemblance to that variety of order
that springs from a spontaneous and
natural love of peace as to permit the
business of the conventions to proceed
along regular lines. Harmony being the
strength and support of all institutions
and more especially of conventions and
such things, it will not be surprising if
the Daughters of the American Revolution
should adopt this form of credential
for their next congress.

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Woman of the World, A—Kila Wheeler Wilcox.
Woman in the Alcove, The—Anna K. Green.

What Margaret Did

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home was not large enough to hold it, and it was moved into a large one; and still it grew. It later became an immense steam baking factory right in the midst of the business center of the city.

Margaret was never idle. After the day's baking was finished she would get her favorite little chair and sit at her office door ready for business. Rich and poor greeted her, for all knew the true worth hidden in the plain dress. Whether it was the milk woman, who rattled noisily up to the door in her high wheel cart with the daily supply of milk and then tarried for a little chat, or the grave, respectful salute of the banker under whose control lay the money of the people. Maybe it was only an old praline woman with her basket of sweet candies who called a cheery greeting as she trudged bravely along the street. No matter who might the passers be, they were alike in that each had a friendly word to say to Margaret.

The needs of the little orphan children appealed to Margaret's tender heart because, as she said—"I was once an orphan myself." As soon as the bakery earned enough money she built them a fine, large home, "St. Vincent's Infant Asylum." The little inmates of this home gave Margaret a present once on a time. They crocheted a nice, pretty shawl for her. Tedious work it was for little hands to do, and still harder for the little people to have enough patience to keep up the work until completed. Margaret appreciated this gift so much that she always spoke of it as "her state occasion shawl."

Margaret not only built a home for the little orphans but she also helped to build an "Industrial Home for Girls," and at her death left all her money to the poor, little orphans of New Orleans.

Now listen! somebody suggested that a statue be erected in remembrance of her kind deeds. The idea grew rapidly because everyone wanted to contribute and help along the work, until one morning the little orphans of the St. Vincent Asylum found a statue of their friend just opposite their windows. This was where she used to sit and watch them at their play. The statue represents her sitting in her favorite chair, with the "state occasion shawl" thrown around her shoulders. This monument is the first ever erected to a woman in the United States.

If any one could have told Margaret during her busy, hard-working life that a statue would be erected in honor of her good and kind deeds she would have laughed at the idea and dismissed it from her mind. For humility was part of her goodness.

Not all of us are allowed to fight great battles, or to discover new countries, or do some brave act for all the world to applaud. But every one of us has the daily opportunity of building his own monument with good deeds, ready kindness and pleasant thoughts.

Had you ever thought about it?

For Justice

By Burritt Hamilton

The times have changed. The old faith dies.
The idols of our sacrifice
Have proved but gods of brass and stone.
The greatness we esteemed as just,
The names we hallowed with our trust,
Lie mingled with the common dust,
Like temples overthrown.
Long for their splendor we have slaved,
Long for their spending we have saved,
Now, meting justice, shall we spare?

He is a traitor to his race
Who, owned or awed by power or place,
Makes compromise with Wrong.
Upon the gibbet of his lie
His memory shall writhe and die,
And hosts unborn shall pass him by
With loathing deep and long.
Wait not for other days and deeds;
Trust not the promise that misleads;
Rise, public conscience, in thy might!
Defend the humble and the poor,
Demand a justice swift and sure,
Demand a future made secure
By vindicated right.

Pleasing the Palate

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Corn Puffs

One cup of cold mashed potato rubbed through a sieve, one cup of milk; add the well beaten yolk of one egg, then add very slowly, beating constantly, one cup of corn meal, and add lastly the white of the egg beaten to a stiff froth, and bake at once in hot gem pans. If the potato was not salted, add half a teaspoon of salt to the batter. Wheat flour may be used instead of the potato if desired, mixing it with the corn meal dry.

Baked Indian Pudding

Two quarts of scalded milk, half teaspoon of salt, one and one-half cups of corn meal, one teaspoon of ginger, mix and let stand for twenty minutes, then add one cup of molasses, two well beaten eggs, a piece of butter the size of a walnut, and bake two hours.

Hominy Pudding

Boil two-thirds cup of hominy in one and one-half pints of milk for an hour, then add two eggs, one cup of sugar, and one teaspoon of extract rose, well beaten together, and one tablespoon of butter. Pour into well buttered pudding dish and bake in a hot oven for twenty minutes.

Corn Meal Pudding (Baked)

One cup of corn meal, one quart of sweet milk, boil together until the meal is done, and while it is cooling, beat together three eggs, one cup of sugar, and a piece of butter the size of an egg, one-half cup of molasses, and the juice and grated peel of a lemon, mix with the corn mush while it is still warm, and bake in a pudding dish for half an hour.

Corn Cake

One cup of sugar, one-half cup of molasses one-fourth cup of butter, two eggs, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoon of soda, one cup of flour, and two cups of corn meal. Flavor to taste.

Confederate Corn Cakes

Two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, three cups of bolted corn meal, two cups of sweet milk; six eggs, one teaspoon of soda, and two of cream tartar. Beat the eggs separately; cream the butter and sugar, add the yolks, then the milk, and the meal sifted with the soda and cream tartar; lastly add the stiffly beaten whites, and flavor to taste. Bake in small cake pans.

Corn Meal Doughnuts

Pour one and one-half cups of boiling milk over two cups of corn meal; when cool, add one cup of butter, one and one-half cups of sugar, three eggs, two cups of flour, and flavor with nutmeg or cinnamon. Let rise till very light; roll about half an inch thick; cut out and fry.

Emergency Pie Crust

Butter the pie tin well, sift corn meal thickly over it, and pour in the custard. The corn meal settles and forms a very fair crust to the custard.

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The Cook

With every recurring meal, we are reminded of the value of cooks. What work, with its results, can be compared with that of the one who daily prepares the food for our tables,—the food which is to build blood, bone, muscle, and tissue? Even the minister, whose uplifting work is ranked above all else, has to deal with brains either quick and clear or dull and clogged, according as they have been fed at the hand of the skilled or witless cook.

Out of the home springs the larger life of society, and the nation; and the nature of this life is determined by the physical prosperity of the individuals which compose it; these, in turn, are dependent largely upon their cooks for whatever physical prosperity may be theirs to enjoy.

Cookery Not Necessarily Drudgery

As it falls to the lot of many to be cooks, how necessary to realize the full importance of the work, not only that those who fare about our board may be benefited, but that the work may become a science and an art to the one whose duty it is to do or supervise this work, that it may never be what, woeful fact! it is to so many trudging housewives,—a drudgery,—but a pleasurable task, one that calls into action our physical, mental, and artistic powers. As there must be cooks, why not glorify the work by bringing into it some of the best of our better selves? How delightful will be the work, and how blessed those who partake of the food, if the same careful thought and taste are bestowed upon it that are given to other duties. Thus the work will be made easier, time will be saved, and many an ache avoided, both for those who prepare and those who partake of the food; while every detail incident to this delightful operation will be a pleasure to all concerned.

The Uses of Forethought

Let us catch a glimpse of a well-ordered household, thereby, mayhap, being strengthened in our own good works and purposes. The thoughtful housewife before us, who is compelled to be the only cook, is preparing dinner. As she moves quietly about the kitchen, her thoughts are at work planning the menu for the following day. Her refined taste and good judgment lead her to select a few choice dishes to be carefully prepared and daintily served. She often selects a cereal as the basis of the morning meal, and so takes advantage of the time when dinner is cooking to start the breakfast grains. A brief study of cereals has given her valuable information as to the best method of cooking them. The mere knowledge that cereals must be subjected to a high temperature for at least four hours, that the heat may do its work of disintegrating the cellulose, and breaking up the starch granules, in order that they may be readily assimilated by the stomach, lends enough of interest to this simple task to lift it above the level of drudgery. Keeping in mind an ideal of perfect order in all things, she measures carefully all the ingredients, and puts

them together in a scientific way. Into the salted boiling water, she sprinkles the grains slowly, not allowing the water to cease boiling, and beats rapidly with a batter-whip to prevent the formation of lumps. Leaving the heat to do its quiet work of transformation upon the grains while the dinner is preparing, she is ready to continue her preparation for the midday meal without being hindered in the least. In the morning there is no rush or bustle in preparing this part of the breakfast; for as soon as the morning fire has been lighted, the grains become warmed, and need simply to be served. Thus, by a little forethought and comparatively no work, she gives to those who come to break their fast, a wholesome, palatable, easily digested dish.

While doing the little work which follows the evening meal, she does what else she can for the preparation of the morning meal. Accordingly, she leaves the kitchen after the last meal of the day with everything in such readiness for breakfast, that, in the morning, she has plenty of time for the matinal toilet. She has time to greet the household with a pleasant smile, and a cheery "Good morning," and is enabled to sit down with the rest, not tired and perhaps a trifle vexed over some part of the meal that did not meet her expectations, but refreshed and gratified.

Some Results of Forethought

The cheerfulness upon her countenance is reflected back to her from the family, fortifying her against the many irksome duties which will come to her through the day. The thoughts of the housewife had not been given merely to the lightening of her work, but to the planning of a menu which would give right combinations, the necessary food elements, and nutritive values. She knows that before them are foods which meet all the demands of vigorous bodies and active minds.

The joyous comfort and satisfaction coming from the consciousness of directing a well-ordered household are enhanced by the touches of artistic skill which she gives to the breakfast. She knows well how to decorate for state occasions, but her chief delight is to use her taste for the everyday, ordinary meals in a way to make little, if any, added work. In arranging the fresh fruits, a little thought suggests to her that the light and dark fruits are more pleasing in combination, on account of the contrasts in color. So she selects the reddest apples, polished and shining, to place among the dull, pale-yellow bananas, leaving the paler apples to be made more effective by the bright-yellow oranges at another meal.

Knowing that an inviting table is not necessarily an elaborate or extravagant one, she lingered a moment after the previous evening's work to attend to the little details that make a table attractive. The knives and forks were placed exactly right, and the plates which were to receive the different foods were artistically arranged,—work for which she has no time in the morning, but which she wishes to have done as carefully for her small family, yes, more carefully, than when guests are to be present.

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The Shiftless Masons

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doorway, and Tom made a rude trellis for it, which they called the porch—it sounded so encouraging. Many a basket of mould came from the woods to enrich the little flower bed, and the twins declared that they were "all the time a-digging some old place," but Janet kept them in good order, and they rarely objected.

It was well that they were all used to hard fare, and expected nothing else. Janet had been trained in a rough school, and saved every penny rigidly. Mrs. Brown put her in the way of studying the most economical and nourishing foods, and during its season they almost lived from the garden. Fortunately they all kept well, and there was no doctor's bill; and remembering the hardships of last winter and the dreaded coal to be bought, Janet tried each week to lay by a little for future needs. Johnny took to his work and brought home his weekly dollar proudly, and Lucy, too, was giving satisfaction. She was a docile child, fast losing her untidy, careless ways under Miss Edgerton's training, and very eager to display her new "manners" on the Sunday visits home, and to show how Miss Edgerton did things. And Janet, painfully conscious of her own deficiencies, listened and profited.

But even for Lucy it had not been smooth sailing always. Some of the girls had snubbed her and said hateful things. She was still too much of a child to be crushed by it, however, and when it came to Miss Edgerton's ear, there was a notable lecture upon snobbishness as a mark of ill-breeding, and thereafter Lucy's trials lessened. She was learning to sew, and after a while some of her teacher's dresses were made over for the child, who began to wear a different look altogether. The family looked upon her proudly and admired her "nice ways" with all their hearts. And as for Tom, he had braced up, lost his slouch, and looked the world squarely in the eye as the man of the house should.

The dreaded winter passed. Tom's foreman was kind, and sometimes encouraging, and his wages had been slightly raised. All looked promising. That spring in the garden they had early radishes and lettuce to sell, and later, peas and other things. There was also a long double row of sweet peas, which furnished half a dozen bouquets a day in its season. The convenient twins set up

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a little wagon of Tom's making, and became well known in the village, sometimes doing a thriving business. Tom began to call them the Gold Dust Twins. The Garden Book was studied diligently. Janet had a big bed of lavender, and one of fine herbs that sold well, and in the fall one or two hotbeds were made, and a cold frame for violets. It was all so fascinating that Janet cherished a secret hope of being able in time to give up the laundry work and set up as a "real truly gardener." The creepers flourished, the little flower bed extended its borders till it ran entirely around the house, and along either side of the neat path to the street. The weeds and coarse grass had disappeared—the twins and the lawnmower knew why—new shrubs and plants had come to them from various quarters, with the freemasonry that prevails among gardeners, who delight to share their abundance; the garden grew apace and old things passed away. Out doors and in, there was a new state of affairs.

Dark days came, as they come to all; but after the first year life was easier. They were gaining ground and hope was strong. When things went right they rejoiced in the sunshine. When things went wrong they fought in the shade, like the Spartans of old.

So six years went by. Tom had cast his first vote, and felt himself a man at last. He was a foreman now, earning good wages, and ambitious to qualify himself for the top of the ladder, as he said. Janet thought he deserved to be a partner at least. John was a clerk, and making his way, and Lucy, at eighteen, was taking charge of the younger classes in school, exulting in her new dignity, and gleefully spending her first earnings on a gown for Janet. The twins had become the scholars of the family and talked grandly of going to college some day, "when we get rich."

And Janet was a woman of twenty-two. The laundry work had been given up for the gardening some time ago. A little green house opened from the sitting room to the southward, and the front yard was gay with flowers from April to November. There was a piazza with rustic posts at one side covered with vines, the tumbling walls were hidden by creepers and the old fence was gone. In its place, from post to post stretched wires, so covered with vines as to form a green wall, and under some tall shrubs in its corner Tom had made a rustic seat close to the street, but quite hidden, where he and Janet were wont to sit on summer evenings when the work was done. And so it happened that in the twilight once they heard a passer comment on the place—"So pretty and so well kept. One doesn't often see such taste on a small scale."

"No, not often," answered his companion, and they knew the voice for that of the "leading citizen" of the town, Dr. Bradbury. "It was the forlornest place you can imagine a few years ago, but they've transformed it somehow. The Mason children are rising in the world and they deserve their success."

Janet looked at Tom with shining eyes, and the thoughts of both went back to that March morning long ago. Tom smiled, "Yes," he said softly, "The Shiftless Masons belong to the Dark Ages."

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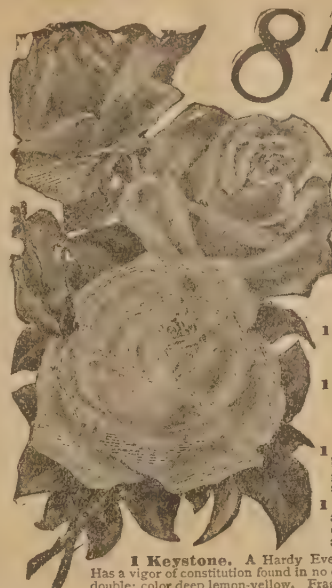
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Seasonable Suggestions

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is no good reason why it should not be liberally fed. If you want a rich, velvety lawn you must fertilize it. There's no other way to secure the result you aim at.

Don't be in too great a hurry to get the house plants out of doors. I know of women who banish their plants to the veranda long before freezing nights are over. If their plants don't get frozen, they get chilled, and a chill is almost as harmful as a freeze. The first of June is early enough to turn house plants out of doors.

If you have seedling plants growing in pots and boxes, be sure to give them fresh air on every pleasant day. Don't let the cool air blow directly on them, however. They are too tender to stand even the slightest chill.

Look over the tubers two or three times a week. At this season, disease spreads rapidly, and the only way to keep it in check is to be constantly on the lookout for it, and throw out every tuber that exhibits the slightest indication of decay. If this is not done, your entire stock may be contaminated before you are aware of it.

You ought to be able to tell by this time, what the condition of your roses is. If they seem badly affected by the winter, order new plants to take their places. At some parts of the north it is necessary to set plants every spring in order to keep our collections full. Not all plants will be winter killed, but so many are likely to be that there will soon be gaps in the ranks unless we make a habit of planting each spring a bush to take the place of every one that we lose.

If trees are to be planted do it at once. We often neglect this part of spring's work until so late in the season that the tree has begun to send out its feeding roots, and removal interrupts this important part of its development. Trees should be set out while dormant. If their leaf-buds begin to swell before you find it convenient to plant them, I would wait until another season,—or fall—before doing the work.

The Question Box

Large Pots. "Is there any danger of having pots too large?"—R.

Yes. Plants suffer from what is called over-potting, as well as from becoming pot-bound. Keep a plant in a pot until its roots form a network about the ball of earth. Then shift to a pot a size or two larger. A small plant in a large pot will soon have vegetable dyspepsia because it is unable to digest the nutriment in the soil.

Mildew. "My petunias were covered with a white powder or dust. The leaves turned yellow, and the plant soon died. Now I have some roses similarly affected. What's the trouble, and what the remedy?"—Mrs. M. L. J.

Your plants were affected with mildew. Dust flour of sulphur over them while they are damp. If the plants are in a draughty place remove them to a more sheltered one.

A Poor Lawn. "The sward was very thin on our lawn last season. What can be done to improve it?"—C.

I would advise the application of finely ground bone-meal. Apply a liberal dressing of it now, and again later in the season. It may be well to go over it with a sharp-toothed iron rake, scarifying its surface well, and then scatter the seed of lawn grass thickly. Stable manures are rich in nutriment, but I never advise their use on the lawn, because they contain the seeds of so many weeds, and a weedy lawn is always unsatisfactory.

Hardy Red Rose Wanted. "I want a hardy red rose that will stand a northern winter. What shall I plant? Must I give it protection?"—S. J. W.

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Mother's Realm

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child may well be called to the words of the great Teacher of Nazareth that not a sparrow falleth to the ground without the Father's notice.

In connection with this thought the child may with profit be taught to memorize this pretty poem by Mary Llewellyn Claypole:

"Good-night, little birdie up in the tree,
Bedtime has come for birdie and me.
Go to sleep, birdie, and shut your eyes tight
And wake not again till the morning light.
What do you dream of, birdie sweet,
As you stir in your sleep and say, 'peet, peet?'
Do you dream of the time when your wings grow strong,
You will fly abroad the whole day long?
Sleep, little birdie up in the tree,
We are safely guarded, both birdie and me.
And I'll pray as I kneel at dear mother's knee,
Dear Lord, guard mother, father and me,
But, please, don't forget, while you're guarding me,
The dear little birdie up in the tree."

J. Sterling Morton

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live to see each of her three other sons occupying positions of great trust and responsibility in the business world.

While visiting in Chicago in the spring of 1881, Mrs. Morton had the misfortune seriously to injure her knee. Despite the best medical attention and the loving ministry of those near and dear, malignant inflammation set in, resulting in her untimely death, June 29, 1881. Thus was the devoted husband and father bereft of a true and faithful wife and his four sons of a fond and loving mother. Thereafter the home of Mr. Morton was presided over by his only sister, Miss Emma Morton, who had been a life-long friend of his wife, and to whom she had ever been devotedly attached.

Though Arbor Lodge remained and was ever becoming more beautiful, its bright particular light had gone out, and life there never seemed quite the same again. Though the coming and the going of the years somewhat assuaged the poignant pain thus caused, the wound of the father's heart was opened afresh in the year of 1901, when his youngest son, Carl, succumbed to a severe attack of double pneumonia, superinduced by over-exertion in managing the affairs of one of the country's most important industries, located at Waukegan, Illinois. The death of his son Carl proved a crushing blow to the father, and he seemed constantly to lose heart thereafter.

In December 1901, Ex-Secretary Morton delivered an address before a stock growers' convention at Chicago, and thereafter contracted a severe cold and returned home a very sick man. Early in February, in company with his son, Paul, then a leading official of the Santa Fe Road, he made a trip to Mexico in the hope that the change might give him a new lease of life. While at the Mexican capital the Ex-Secretary was shown great consideration by President Diaz. After about a month's stay, he returned to his home at Arbor Lodge, but a fatal disease was preying upon his sinuous frame. Later he was taken to the home of his son, Mark Morton, at Lake Forest, Illinois, in the hope that superior medical skill to be found in Chicago might yet be potent to save his life. But all was unavailing. On April 27, 1902, this Cincinnatus of the West laid aside life's burdens and passed on to his reward, beloved, mourned, and honored by both state and nation that shall, as the years come and go, ever become more glorious through the continuing influence of his great life.

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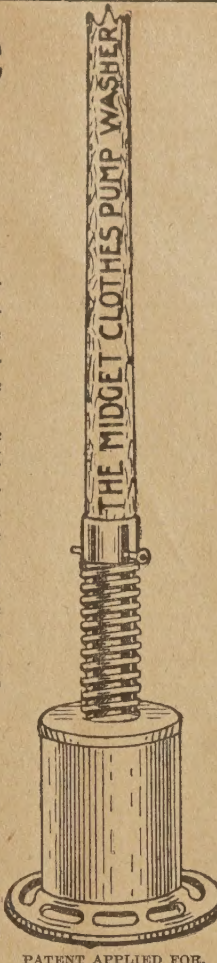
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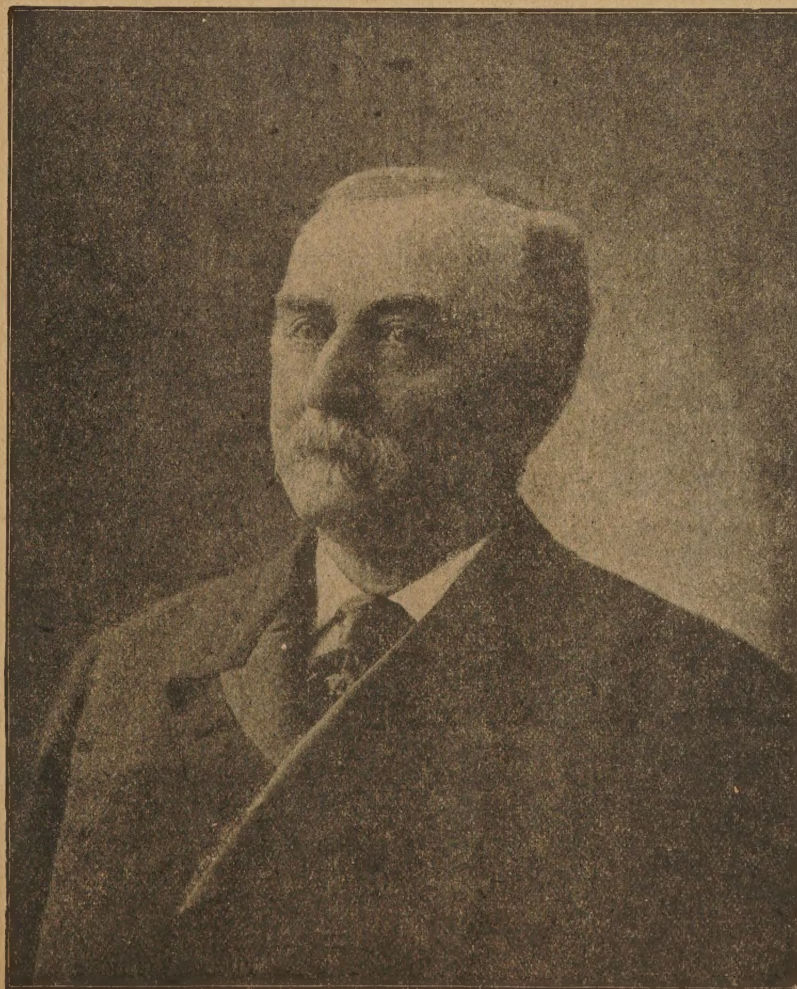
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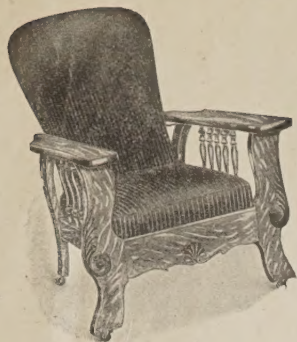
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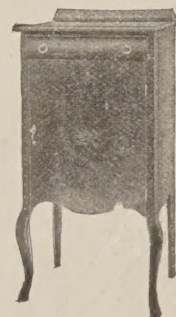
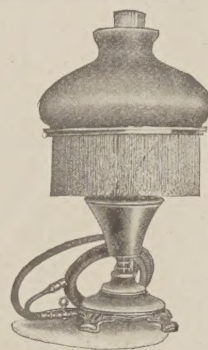
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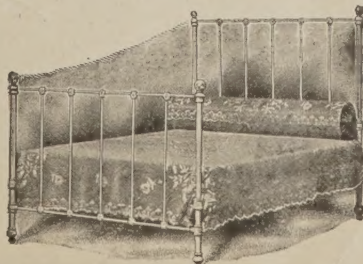
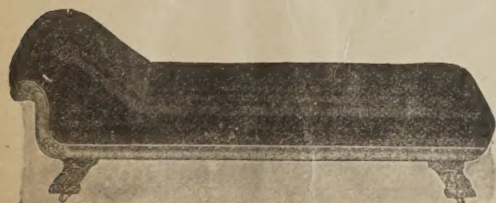
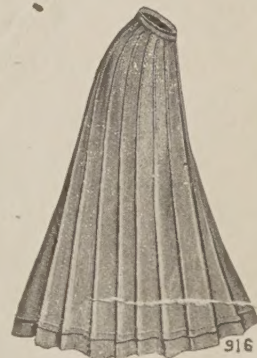
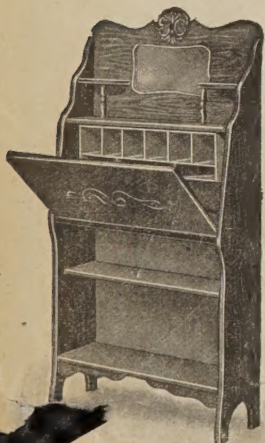


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Through the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho and Washington, the building of this railway opens up a country full of *money-making possibilities*. Rich farm lands are now selling at \$10 per acre and upwards. They are bound to increase in value within the next few years. Three new towns--- Lemmon, S. D., Hettinger, N. D., and Bowman, N. D.,---have recently been established. Six months ago the sites of these towns were open prairie lands. Today at each place there is a well-built town, with a population of about 500. *But there is plenty of room for more along the Pacific Coast Extension of the*

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In the Dakotas and in Montana, along the new line, the soil is a dark loam with a clay sub-soil; good water is plentiful; rainfall is ample to raise the crops; the climate is healthful; the air is dry and invigorating; winters are mild; growing seasons are long. The deeded lands sell at \$10 per acre, and upwards. *Last season many farmers made enough money from their first year's crops to pay for their land.* The Judith Basin, in central Montana, offers exceptional opportunities in farming, particularly in wheat and alfalfa raising. The fruit-grower will find a good field along the new line in Washington. Apples, pears, plums, cherries, apricots and small fruits grow well there. Last year hundreds of acres of bearing orchards produced crops which brought from \$500 to \$600 per acre.

Train service on the Pacific Coast Extension has been established---Daily to Miles City, Montana, with through sleeping-cars from St. Paul and Minneapolis. All meals served in dining car. Trains daily except Sunday, Miles City to Harlowton, Montana, connecting there with trains for Lombard and for Moore, Lewistown and other points in the Judith Basin.

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